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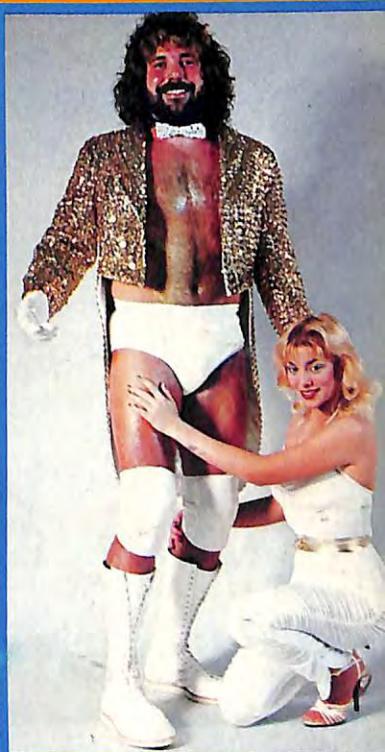
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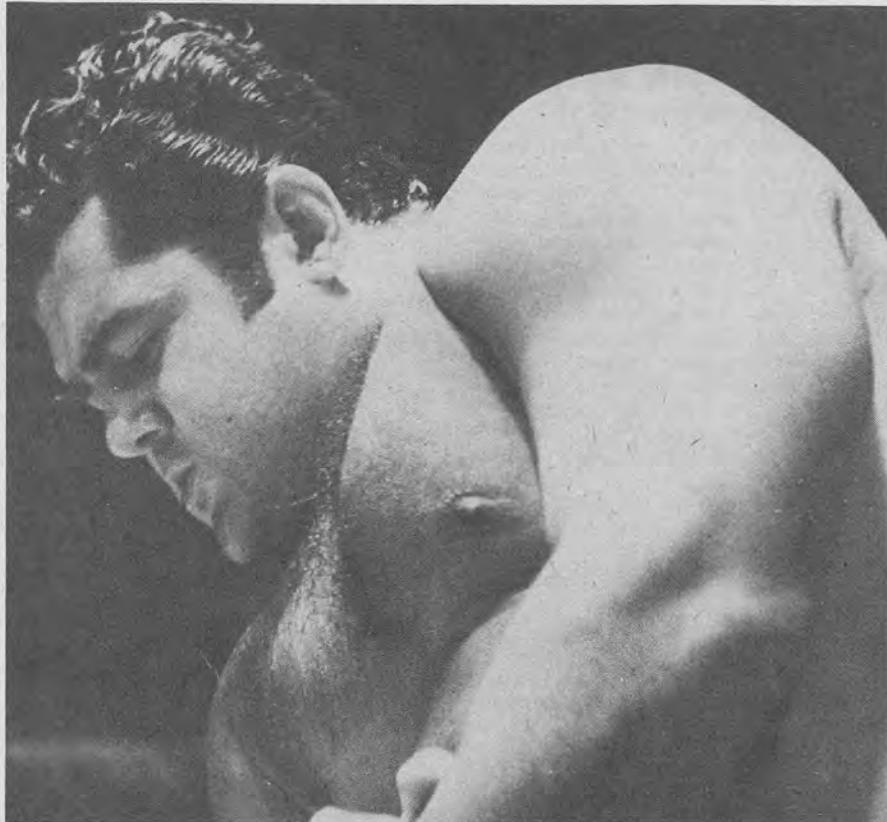
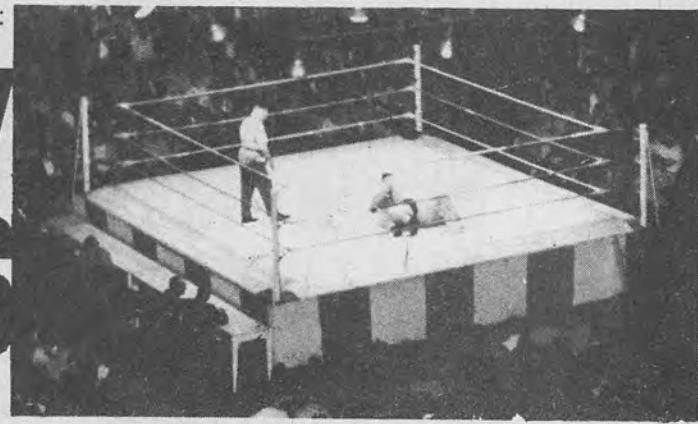


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Former WWF Intercontinental champion Pedro Morales (above) has regrettably lost the support of many fans, notes reader Bea Green. Ernestine Cooks is among the fans whose support for Tommy Rich (right) has not waned.

## RE: FAN LOYALTY

An open letter to WWF fans:

When Pedro Morales entered the wrestling ring here recently, all I heard were boos and smart remarks. I looked in disbelief at all the fans who only weeks before had cheered their hearts out for him.

I never really felt Pedro deserved to be Intercontinental champion, but the way the people turned on him really made me wonder: What kind of people are these who say that, no matter what, they are fans forever?

I am really glad that Magnificent Muraco took the Intercontinental belt. I think he is a better wrestler and is more deserving of the title.

But I felt sorry for Pedro, not because he lost the belt, but for the way the fans deserted him. So to all you "loyal" fans: You've proved you don't know the meaning of the word. I wouldn't desert any of the wrestlers I admire just because they lost a match or a belt. If you believe in someone, you should stick with him.

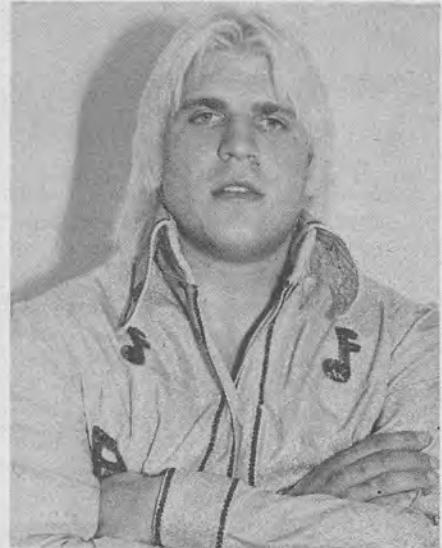
Are all you Backlund

worshippers and Snuka lovers going to drop them like hot potatoes if things get a little too rough?

• BEA GREEN  
Blakeslee, PA

## TOMMY'S ON HIS WAY

I am a big fan of Tommy Rich's and I don't think he is losing *any* fan support ("How Much Longer Will The Fans Follow Tommy,



Rich?" April 1983). In fact, I think the fans are beginning to like him even more for standing up against Buzz Sawyer, Ivan Koloff, and The Iron Sheik.

With the help of Paul Orndorff, Butch Reed, and others, it won't be long before Tommy cleans up the Peachtree State of Georgia. Furthermore, Tommy is well on his way to winning the the NWA championship belt again.

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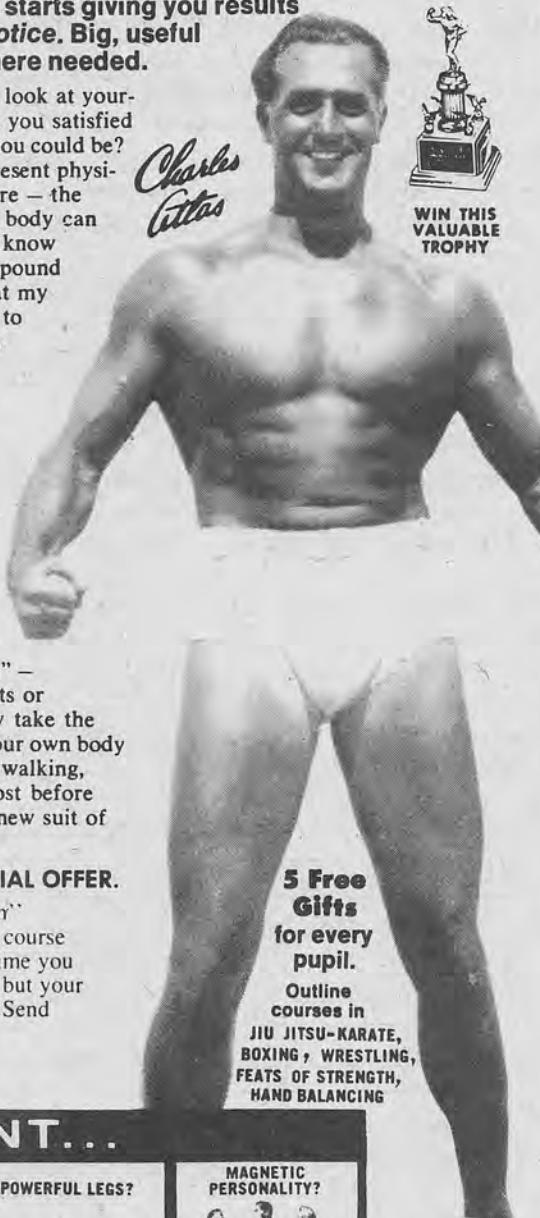
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Peter  
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Solie's enthusiasm for his job is reflected in his play by play of the matches. He is considered the finest wrestling announcer in the world, and he has the awards to prove it.

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# Body Slams & Pinfalls

By Dan Shocket

THE STENCH OF a conspiracy is murderously choking the AWA. Long unhappy with Nick Bockwinkel as its champion, officials have grasped the noxious Rick Martel to their collective chests. They have done everything but give him the title, as of this writing. Who knows what those venal bloodsuckers will have done by the time you read this?

Martel will always be considered the perfect type of chump for officialdom to want as champion. He has no intellect, less integrity, and would walk a mile on his hands for a chance to lick a commissioner's boot. He has a strong following with young women whose brains have been destroyed by raging hormones. Besides the kind of good looks that make failed cheerleaders swoon, Martel has shown nothing that could impress any sports fan. Still, he remains the number one contender for Bockwinkel's belt.

Recent matches have been a disgrace against the sport. Every time Bockwinkel comes close to winning, the referee stops the action. Nick can't even put Martel in a classically scientific hold without the referee stepping between them. Bockwinkel's manager, Bobby Heenan, has exhausted every legitimate avenue in trying to correct this outrage. The officials say they see nothing wrong with the referees' decisions.



AWA officials, from the highest ranking commissioner right down to the last referee, are conspiring to remove Nick Bockwinkel as champion and replace him with Rick Martel.

Of course, they really don't want to look.

The only thing saving Bockwinkel's title is Martel's incompetence. Nick would be the first to admit that any good wrestler could defeat him given the advantages Martel regularly enjoys. If Martel was even a passable competitor, he would today be AWA champion. Instead, Nick finds he can defeat this

upstart with the equivalent of his hands tied behind his back. Now Nick and Bobby have faced being discriminated against for years. Their strategies are designed to compensate for this sorry state of affairs. Normally, the Martel onslaught wouldn't bother them. This time, however, it's more vicious and obvious. The officials are tired of waiting for Nick to

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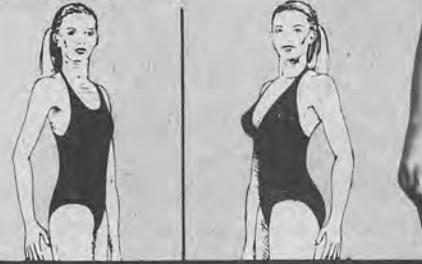
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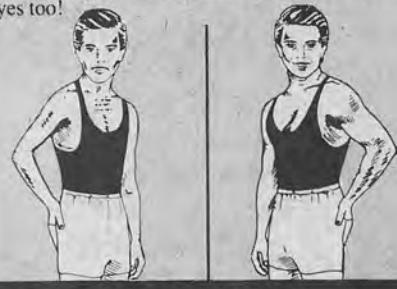
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BEFORE I GET too deep into this column, I'll answer one question right off the bat: Yes, the Green Giant is out of the repair shop and back in my driveway. So what if the repair bill came to more than the car is worth? I have my wheels back, and that's the main thing.

The bad news is that my cassette deck imploded, leaving me with

Tommy Rich-Buzz Sawyer feud. I don't know about you folks, but I wish these guys would bury the hatchet already.

I can understand why Tommy is doing what he's doing, but it's hurting his career. As far as Buzz Sawyer is concerned, I'm sure I would probably cover my head if it was shaved, but I don't think I'd risk my neck over it the way Saw-



In the early stages of one of their matches, before the blood began to flow, Buzz Sawyer applies a leglock on Tommy Rich.

wires hanging out of the dashboard and no music. Silence is golden, they say, but it makes driving hellish at best as far as I'm concerned, especially when I have to drive somewhere with Bill Apter.

Consequently, I've been staying home a lot.

When I'm home, I usually wind up watching a lot of television. As far as wrestling is concerned, this means two installments of WWF wrestling, one hour of wrestling from Florida, and three hours of Georgia wrestling over the course of one weekend.

So I'm vegetating in my apartment, watching *World Championship Wrestling* from Georgia, and drinking beer.

Much of the program, and indeed much of the ring time over the last few months all across the country, was taken up with the

yer is.

And would you believe it, Gen. Homer O'Dell is back in Georgia, and he's got The Mongols with him.

But the biggest news in Georgia has to do with, again, the Sawyer-Rich feud.

It was one thing when Stan Hansen turned on his former friend and tag team partner Ole Anderson and joined up with Rich, Butch Reed, Paul Orndorff, and company, but now Masked Superstar is joining the picture, and it looks as if he will be teaming up with Stan Hansen for some time to come.

Here's how the situation developed:

Gordon Solie was asking Johnny Rich his views on Precious Paul Ellering, who was wrestling at the time.

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Daniel S., an award-winning art director, says of L-2000™, "This stuff gives me a lift! I mean *really*...It makes me feel great! How can I put it in any other words – my creativity level is always higher after I use L-2000™." Phil L., a truck driver from Houston, Tex., relates, "All you get on the road is tired and fat. Now, I can drive longer and I don't get jittery or nervous, or get that heavy crash that you get from other kinds of pills if you know what I mean." Sheila G., actress and model, New York, N.Y.: "Being a model, I have to constantly watch my weight. A couple of pounds over and I'm out of business. With L-2000™, I can eat less and work longer – really feeling up! It not only makes me feel good, it makes me look great." Bonnie C., secretary, Chicago, Ill., says, "We all have had bad days at the office...my answer to those days is L-2000™". Laura P., a waitress in Boston, Mass., explains, "Working in a restaurant you tend to nibble *all* the time. One of my regular customers turned me on to L-2000™ when I was complaining about gaining weight...well, I'm not gaining weight anymore, because I don't *feel* like nibbling."

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# TOP SECRET

## Behind the Dressing Room Door

by Stu  
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ADRIAN ADONIS is a man who draws power from the negative. He is not bothered by the hatred of the wrestling fans; he thrives on it. He absorbs the hatred of the large crowds that come to see him lose, transforms that hatred into energy, and releases it violently on his opponent. Adrian Adonis is a dangerous man—and the fans are making him even more dangerous. "That's not a bad observation, coming from someone who writes for *Inside Wrestling*," Adonis said in his dressing room after a recent match with Bruiser Bob Sweetan in San Antonio, Texas.

If you can ignore Adonis' sarcasm, he's really quite an interesting person to talk to. I always find self-made people to be very fascinating. Most people's personalities, I find, are very much alike. Everybody has the potential to be an individual, but few want to risk being different. If you're like everybody else, you're safe. Growing up, Adrian Adonis was a loner. Having nobody to pattern his personality after, he developed his own. Like it or not, Adrian Adonis is unique.

Adonis massaged the back of his neck with his right hand and grimaced slightly. Earlier, Sweetan had attempted to piledrive him to the mat. A fraction of a second before Adonis' head would have crashed to the canvas, he thrust his arms forward, lessening the effects of the blow. In a sport in which defense is a forgotten science, Adonis had performed an astonishing countermaneuver. And he did it against a man who many consider to have the best piledriver in the sport.

"I have to thank the fans for that escape," Adonis said.

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BY RICH COUNTIS

## SCOOP OF THE MONTH

This month's "scoop" is a story that I don't want to report.

Ever since I was knee-high to Andre the Giant, I've always looked up to Mr. Wrestling II as the premier masked wrestler in the sport.

Of course there was always Mil Mascaras, but Mascaras is continually traveling from the United States to Japan to Europe to Africa and back again. He never stays in one place long enough to have a significant effect on any one wrestling scene.

Mr. Wrestling II, on the other hand, has been wrestling in Georgia and the Mid-Atlantic for years. His presence has provided a stabilizing influence on the wrestling scenes in both areas. Furthermore, he has acted as a role model for wrestling fans not only in Georgia and the Mid-Atlantic areas, but everywhere in the world.

When it comes to upholding the honor of masked wrestling, Mr. Wrestling II is the man who always comes to mind.

Unfortunately, I am sorry to report that Mr. Wrestling II is considering retiring from wrestling.

"That's right, Rich, I've been thinking about hanging up the trunks for good," II told me during a recent telephone interview. "There are plenty of other wrestlers in Georgia and the Mid-Atlantic who can take care of business just as readily as me. I don't see any reason why I shouldn't just



Mr. Wrestling II, looking out upon his beautiful Georgia property, has told Associate Editor Rich Countis that he is giving some thought to retiring from wrestling.

step aside, let some other men do the work, and relax in' retirement in my Georgia home."

I asked II why he's thinking of retiring now.

"Well, it's kind of like the reasoning the *M\*A\*S\*H* people used when they took their TV show off the air," II explained. "The thing is to get out while you're still on top. You don't want to have to retire when you're on the losing end of a feud, or when you're so far past your best years that the fans don't even remember you as you once were."

"Don't be ridiculous," I replied, "you've got a long way to go be-

fore you should be thinking about retirement. You've got thousands of fans all over the country, fans who would be heartbroken if you were to give up the sport. You've got friends in the sport, men who would be proud to call you a tag team partner. And you've got plenty of championships in your future, you can bet on that."

The telephone line was silent. I didn't like the fact that II was so pensive, and I wondered to myself whether there was something other than wrestling that was bothering him.

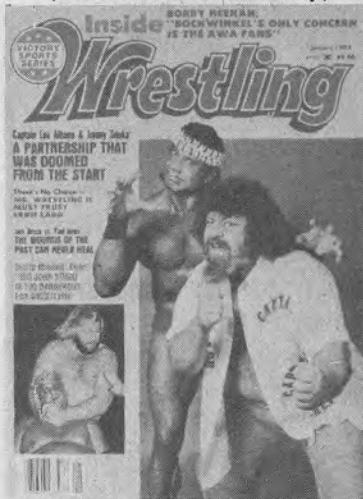
"Besides," I added, "you've

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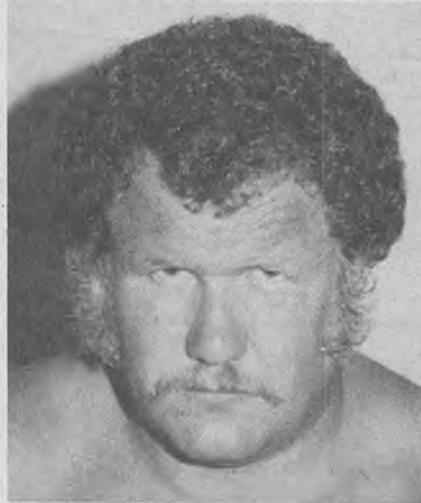
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# NAMES MAKI

Gary Hart left Texas several months ago and nobody knew what happened to him—until now. Hart has surfaced in the Mid-Atlantic area and has allied himself with **Sir Oliver Humperdink**. “There is a possibility we may become partners,” says Hart. “Sir Oliver and I have the same philosophies, meaning we hate **Roddy Piper, Jack and Jerry Brisco, and Jimmy Valiant**. A joint venture on our parts could prove very profitable for us and very unfortunate to the above mentioned!”

Just a few months after losing the Missouri state title to **Kerry Von Erich, Harley Race** has dropped the Pacific Wrestling



HARLEY RACE

Federation title to former champion **Giant Baba**. He vows he will come out of his slump and regain not only both those titles but the NWA belt too, which is currently held by **Ric Flair** . . . **General Homer O'Dell**, a managerial fixture on the Georgia scene in the mid-'70s, is returning to the Peachtree State, hoping to buy the contract of either **Bruiser**



TULLY BLANCHARD KNEEDROPS MIKE GRAHAM

#### Brody or Super Destroyer.

**King Kong Tonga** has ventured to Puerto Rico, hoping to end the multiyear winning streak of the sensational **Invader** . . . **Tito Santana** still has not found the right partner to help him run **The Moondogs** out of Georgia . . . **Paul Jones** states that he loves being the manager of **Dory Funk Jr.** I never realized what a brilliant strategist I was until now,” says Jones, the man who lead Dory to the Mid-Atlantic title by virtue of a win over **Jack Brisco**.

A feud that started in New York City last year has now reerupted in San Antonio. Because of his boasts on Texas television that he pinned **Ivan Putski** “over one hundred times in New York,” **Adrian Adonis** must now contend with the Polish Power on Texas soil. Putski, who was watching the

Southwest wrestling show in New York over the USA cable network, became so angry when he heard Adonis’ remarks, he canceled all his WWF contractual obligations and headed to Texas.

Florida champion **Mike Graham** is another battler headed to Texas, and the target of his hatred is **Tully Blanchard**. Blanchard, who was in Florida last year, claims Graham beat him because of hometown decisions. So Mike is going to San Antonio prove to Tully he can beat him anywhere . . . **Dick Murdoch** says he is shocked that no wrestler in Georgia has been able to run “that disgrace to America, **The Iron Sheik**, out of the country,” Murdoch, a former Marine, adds, “I will make my country proud and send him back to Iran—a few pieces at a time!”

# N' NEWS

Bill Apter  
reporting...



BUZZ SAWYER

**Buzz Sawyer** is telling everyone about his very quick victory over **Tommy Rich** at Atlanta's Omni. What Sawyer is not telling the world, however, is that he used a foreign weapon in the headguard he was wearing and butted Tommy with it as soon as Wildfire got into the ring. Rich has filed a formal protest with the NWA. He hopes the alliance will reverse the decision . . . The hated **Bulldog Bob Brown** is now cheered by the fans because he is teaming with favorites such as **Bruiser**. "I love the fans and I am glad they are on my side," said Brown. Brusier adds that Bob is a fine tag team mate and he trusts him totally.

It appears that **Ken Patera** is getting rough rulebreaker opponents in St. Louis on a regular basis. A few months ago, the pro-

moters fed him **Ivan Koloff**. On the last show, **Ox Baker** was Patera's foe. Is he trying to become a fan favorite? "Hell no!" Patera exclaimed when asked about this. "I told the promoters I want the toughest, most brutal opponents they can find. So far nobody has been able to cause me to even break a sweat. Where is all this great competition St. Louis is supposed to have?"

Under the guidance of **Gary Royal**, **Dewey Robertson** has won the Central States champion-



DEWEY ROBERTSON

ship from **Manny Fernandez**. Robertson vows that this is just the start of a multi-title winning spree. He credits Royal's management as the driving force that has led him to the championship . . . **The Hangman** and **Gilles "The Fish" Poisson** are the leading contenders for the Canadian International tag team title held by **Tony Parisi** and **Gino Brito**.

What a weird situation is occur-



BRITO (STANDING) & PARISI

ring in the Pensacola, Florida, territory. Fans are cheering **The Mongolian Stomper** and **Austin Idol** and booing **Bob Armstrong**. Armstrong, the current Southeastern champion, has grown a beard, which makes him look very vicious. "I am vicious!" he exclaims. "I don't care how much the fans hate me. I just want to win any way I can." What about his son, **Brad Armstrong**? Does Bob care that his son is upset over his change of style? "Not one damn bit!" says the elder Armstrong. "Brad is his own man. He has his own values, his own philosophies. I don't push my ways on him and I appreciate that he has stopped trying to push his goody-two-shoes attitude on me. I have found out that you don't get things in this world by being a nice guy. Maybe one day he will learn that. I hope so for his sake!"

That's all for now. See you at the matches.

# NEWS FROM THE

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## CHARLOTTE, NC

By Robert Seibert



**DORY FUNK JR.**

vs.

**JACK BRISCO**



The opening moments of this Mid-Atlantic title match saw the two trade a series of scientific holds. Brisco, the champion, applied the figure-four leglock, but Funk made it to the ropes to force Brisco to break the hold. Later, Paul Jones came to the ring from the dressing room area to taunt and intimidate Brisco. Brisco attempted to apply the figure-four once again, but Funk broke free and rolled the stunned Brisco into an inside cradle to win the title.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Mike Rotondo won a 17-man Battle Royal . . . Dick Slater beat Jerry Brisco . . . Dusty Rhodes and Roddy Piper beat Paul Jones and Red Dog Lane . . . Jimmy Valiant defeated One Man Gang . . . Jay Youngblood and Rick Steamboat drew with Sgt. Slaughter and Private Kernode.

## SAN JUAN, PR

By Gilberto Medina



**RIC FLAIR**

vs.

**CARLOS COLON**



The first 40 minutes of this NWA title return match gave the fans a textbook example of wrestling maneuvers, as Flair and Colon traded holds at a furious pace. Colon clamped on the figure-four leglock only to have Flair escape and attempt the submission hold himself. Colon in turn escaped and as both got up off the canvas, Flair accidentally knocked the referee out of the ring. Colon rallied and pinned Flair with the help of the ring ropes. Another referee came out to rectify the situation as the crowd cheered because they thought Colon was the new champion. After careful consideration, the officials ruled the bout a "no contest."

**OTHER BOUTS:** The Invader beat Terry Funk . . . El Gran Apollo defeated Dick Steinborn . . . Gino de la Cerra defeated Keith Larson.

## BOSTON, MA

By Richard Moody



**BOB BACKLUND**

vs.

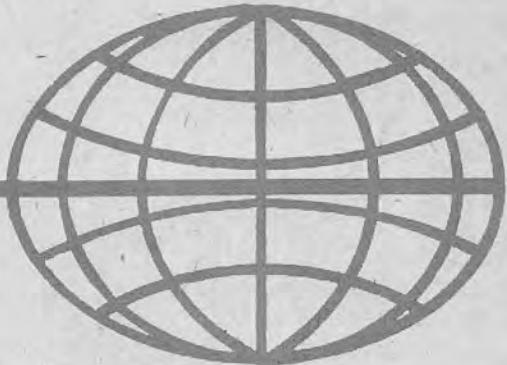
**MAGNIFICENT MURACO**



WWF champ Backlund flustered Muraco early with quick scientific maneuvers. Muraco countered with illegal punches, kicks, and eye gouges. Muraco continued the onslaught outside the ring, piledriving Backlund to the floor and then smashing his head against the steel ringpost and the timekeeper's table before returning to the ring. It looked as if Backlund wouldn't return to the ring in time, but Muraco's interruptions prevented the count from proceeding. Backlund finally returned to the ring and initiated a brawl that got both participants disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Jimmy Snuka beat Ray Stevens . . . Rocky Johnson defeated Superstar Graham . . . John Studd beat Tony Garea . . . The Strongbows beat The Samoans.

# WRESTLING CAPITALS



## JACKSON, MS

By Phil B. Roberts



DICK MURDOCH

vs.

KAMALA



Murdoch rushed at Kamala at the bell, wrestled away his wooden spear, and began to ram him with it. Murdoch had obviously thrown away the rulebook for this brawl. Later in the bout, Murdoch brought a chair into the ring to use on Kamala's head. Kamala managed to take control with a series of chops and then clamped on the bearhug. Murdoch winced as Kamala added pressure, sending extreme pain through his back and severely limiting his breathing capacity. Murdoch managed to squirm out of the clutch, and with Kamala's strength expended, "Capt. Redneck" rallied for the victory.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Junkyard Dog and Mr. Wrestling II beat Ted DiBiase and Matt Borne . . . Chavo Guerrero defeated Gino Hernandez . . . Iron Mike Sharpe beat Hacksaw Duggan.

## LAS VEGAS, NV

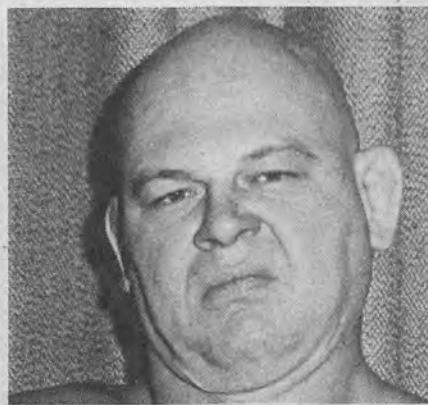
By Jay Elliot Jr.



NICK BOCKWINKEL

vs.

BARON VON RASCHKE



Bockwinkel started this AWA title defense quickly, kicking and punching the Baron mercilessly and throwing him out of the ring. When Bockwinkel put Von Raschke in the sleeperhold, the Baron countered quickly with the iron claw on his opponent. Bockwinkel's manager, Bobby Heenan, then entered the fracas and soon found himself in the claw. Bockwinkel took advantage of the distraction and drove his knee into the Baron's back. He then cradled Von Raschke for the victory.

**OTHER BOUTS:** Sheiks Al-Kaissie and Blackwell beat Mad Dog Vachon and Jim Brunzell by disqualification . . . Jesse Ventura beat Steve O . . . Wahoo McDaniel defeated Bob Duncum . . . Buck Zumhofe beat Bob Price.

## BRIDGEPORT, CT

By Keith Hedlund



PEDRO MORALES

vs.

BIG JOHN STUDD



The main event at the Central High School Gym began with the two wrestlers arguing violently. Studd challenged Morales to bodyslam him, and Pedro's attempt was unsuccessful. Studd attacked relentlessly, placing Morales on the top rope and punching him onto the concrete floor outside the ring. Pedro managed to get back into the ring only to have Studd kick him out again. The former Intercontinental champion retaliated with a series of facerakes and closed-fist punches. The two brawled furiously and roughed up the referee as he tried to restore some order to the proceedings. Both combatants were disqualified.

**OTHER BOUTS:** The Samoans defeated Tony Garea and S. D. Jones . . . Salvatore Bellomo beat Swede Hanson.



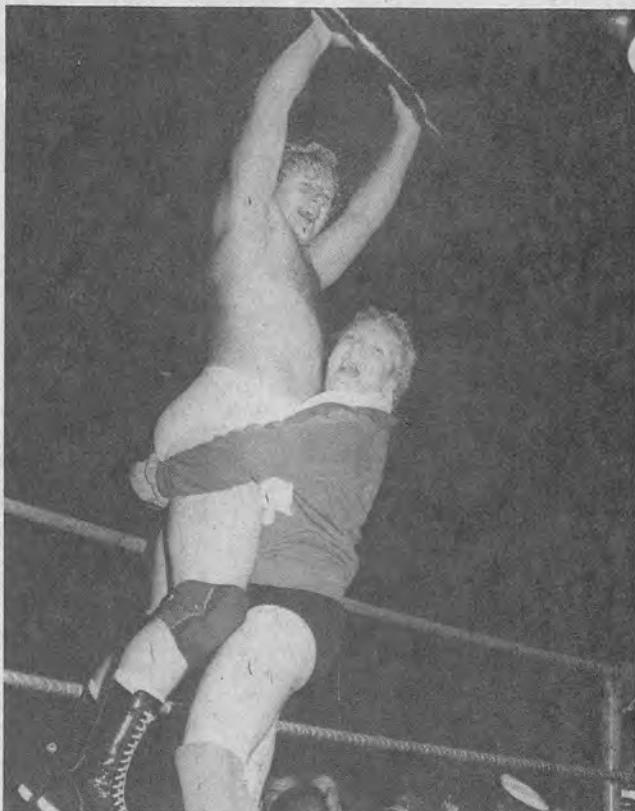
# Matt Brock's PLAIN SPEAKING



**MASKED SUPERSTAR & SUPER DESTROYER**

**TAMPA, FL:** Isn't it wonderful? It's like having the Katzenjammer Kids visiting you for the holidays! Yes friends, wrestling's Katzenjammers, Super Destroyer and Masked Superstar, have invaded Florida. With all the troubles they've got down here, with Kevin Sullivan turning into such a maniac, with King Kong Mosca remaining such a maniac, and with J.J. Dillon presiding over the entire proceedings, you would think that things couldn't get worse. Well, Super D and Superstar aren't here to help redecorate the dressing rooms, you can bet on that. They might redecorate a couple of faces, though. My guess is that they're here under the financial aegis of James J. Dillon. Should everything work out, at least as far as Dillon is concerned, look for Dillon to ink some sort of a contract with these two masked madmen.

**MINNEAPOLIS, MN:** Springtime may be inching its way up north, but I've just been the recipient of more hot air than a dog day in July. Nick Bockwinkel calls me and says he has an announcement he wants to make. "Sure, Nick," I say, "what is it?" Well, it turns out that Bockwinkel has declared that the Otto Wanz taking the AWA belt from him last August has opened his eyes. "Never again will I underestimate my opponent," he said. "Never again will I be humiliated by defeat. My goal now is to hold on to the AWA title longer than any other man in history." That "any other man" happens to be Verne Gagne, who held the belt for eight years and eight months between 1967 and



**BOBBY HEENAN HOISTS NICK BOCKWINKEL**

# Harder than nails, veteran wrestling reporter Matt Brock has logged more miles covering wrestling than any other journalist. Every month Matt will travel to the sport's hotbeds, reporting everything he sees without fear or favor

1975, the longest title reign in professional wrestling history. Bockwinkel wants to beat that record? When *what* freezes over?

**ST. LOUIS, MO:** I know this has already been reported in our sister publication *Pro Wrestling Illustrated*, but I feel compelled to make my own statement. Sadness grips my soul as I mourn the passing of a great champion and a great man, Wild Bill Longson. I remember Longson so well for several reasons. Most important, he held the NWA heavyweight title three times. His first two title reigns, interestingly enough, began on the same date, February 19, of 1942 and 1943. Then, in 1947, Longson defeated the incredible Lou Thesz in St. Louis. I was there to witness the match, and I remember a distinct feeling of respect for the man who was able to pin such a great champion. Although many of the younger wrestling fans never heard of Longson, he was truly one of the greats, and he will be greatly missed. Keep an eye out for the July 1983 issue of *The Wrestler* (on sale May 10) in which I will examine Wild Bill in my "Matt Brock's Looking Back" column.

**HOUSTON, TX:** Ted DiBiase. Walk up to any wrestling fan on the street and mention his name, and the odds are dead even you'll either get a smile from the fan or a wad of spit in your face. DiBiase, of course, has enraged plenty of wrestling fans around here by his conversion to rulebreaking and his continued statements against the fans. What DiBiase fails to realize is that it was the fans who made him as big a name in wrestling as he is today, and that someday he may need those fans again. When that day comes, DiBiase may discover that the fans don't want to take him back. There's one lesson in life I learned early on: Don't burn your bridges behind you. Ted ought to learn that lesson as well.



**GORILLA MONSOON**

**ALLENTOWN, PA:** Ten thousand dollars is a lot of money, but Gorilla Monsoon is not going to collect it. That's the amount of cash offered by Fred Blassie to Monsoon if he could bodyslam Big John Studd. Weighing almost 400 pounds, Monsoon was regarded as Studd's toughest bodyslam challenge to date. As Monsoon and Studd faced each other in the ring, Blassie stalled for time. Fans became restless. Monsoon lunged at Studd, who quickly backed out of the way. Fans became more restless. Finally, Monsoon pushed Studd into the turnbuckles, raised him in the air, and appeared to be seconds away from collecting the 10 grand. But Studd grabbed the rope, shifted his weight, and came crashing down on Monsoon. And if that wasn't enough, Studd began elbow-smashing and kicking the retired former WWF contender until Pedro Morales and Tony Garea ran into the ring to break things up. Hell, I didn't think Monsoon could succeed, and Studd probably didn't think so either. But a stunt like that on the part of Studd only destroys his own credibility. If you're going to have a bodyslam challenge, do it with honor or don't bother. □

# HOTSEAT

## BUDDY ROGERS

### "YOU'D BE AFRAID TO KNOW ALL I KNOW!"

INTERVIEW CONDUCTED  
BY MATT BROCK

THE ANNOUNCEMENT LAST year that Buddy Rogers would be returning to the wrestling scene sent waves of anticipation through the entire wrestling community. Rogers, the only man in history to hold both the NWA and WWF heavyweight championships during his career, reentered wrestling as a broadcaster, hosting "Rogers' Corner," an interview segment of televised WWF wrestling. His involvement in WWF affairs soon expanded as he investigated Jimmy Snuka's contractual ties to Captain Lou Albano. It was through the efforts of Rogers that Snuka was able to escape the managerial clutches of Albano. Soon thereafter, Snuka asked Rogers to manage him, an offer he quickly accepted. Over the past few months, Rogers has become one of the most respected figures on the WWF wrestling scene. "Inside Wrestling" is proud to present Matt Brock's recent interview with this wrestling legend.

Q: Buddy, we haven't got much time, and I've got a lot of questions, so let's get right to business.

A: Fire away, Matt.

Q: First of all, I want to say, on behalf of the entire staff of *Inside Wrestling*, how happy

efforts that Snuka was able to leave Albano and become as popular as he is today. How do you feel about that?

A: I'll tell you, pal, a couple of years ago I managed Jimmy in the Mid-Atlantic. I even wrestled with Jimmy as a tag team partner a few times . . .

Q: That must have been some thrill for him.

A: Well, it was a thrill for me, too, Matt, because I respect Jimmy. He's a terrific wrestler, and I'm confident that he will be heavyweight champion someday soon. As I was saying, I worked with him for a long time, and when we were in the Mid-Atlantic area, Jimmy captured the U.S. heavyweight championship. A lot of people don't know that Jimmy was U.S. champion. And I'll tell you, the Superfly was popular as U.S. champion, but he wasn't nearly as popular as he is today. He gets plenty of cheers, that's

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we are to see you back again in the midst of action.

A: Well thank you, it feels good to be hosting "Rogers' Corner," and I'm happy that I've been able to work with Jimmy Snuka.

Q: It was really due to your





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for sure. But Buddy, there is a lot about the situation between Jimmy and Albano that just doesn't make sense.

**A:** Like what?

**Q:** Well, for example, why did Jimmy stay with Albano for so long if he wasn't getting paid properly? Why would Jimmy follow Albano's orders to the letter until you arrived on the scene? Why would Snuka remain silent during the entire ordeal? Was there some sort of blackmail involved between Snuka and Albano?

**A:** Matt, you know as well as I do that those are questions that I just can't give you answers to.

**Q:** But you do know the answers to them?



A concerned Buddy Rogers helps the ringside physician place Superfly Snuka on a stretcher following the disgusting attack by Capt. Lou Albano and Ray Stevens last October.

**A:** I'll tell you, pal, you'd be afraid to know all I know. There is so much more to the Jimmy Snuka story that has never been revealed to the general public, for many reasons that I can't go into here. It's been a long, strange road to the top for Jimmy, and he's had to deal with a lot of unusual circumstances, both with promoters, managers, and the public. But I think it's best to leave the Jimmy Snuka story right there. As far as the Superfly is concerned, I don't want to dwell on his past, I want to look to his future.

**Q:** And a bright future it should be. Switching subjects from Snuka to yourself, I'm interested in having you tell our readers something about the Buddy Rogers story. Why don't we start with the fact that you are the only man in wrestling history to have held both the NWA and the WWF heavyweight titles?

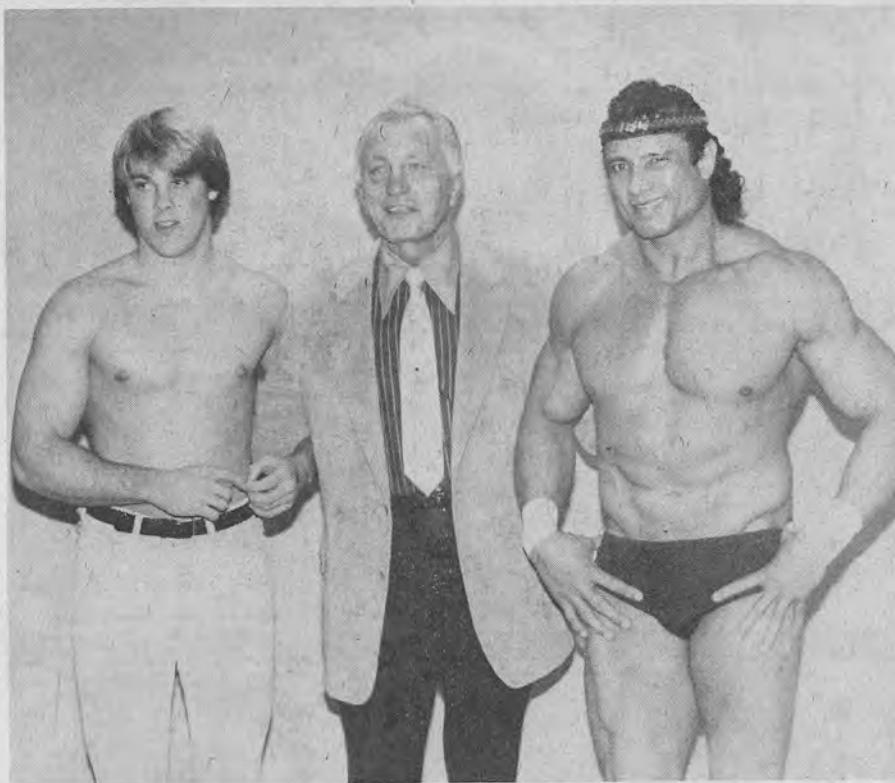
**A:** That's right, Matt, and it's an achievement I'm very proud of. The NWA title came first,

when I defeated Pat O'Connor in Chicago. The date was June 30, 1961, and I'll never forget the feeling I had when the referee's hand hit the canvas a third time. It was incredible. And the noise in the arena was deafening. I think that's what I remember most of all, the noise of the fans and the feeling I had deep inside, kind of like a chill in my chest. The experience was absolutely incredible.

**Q:** And you held the title for nearly two years.

**A:** That's right, I was NWA champion until January 24, 1963. Lou Thesz defeated me in Toronto. Then a couple of weeks later, I don't remember the actual date, but it was a couple of weeks after that match with Thesz that I entered into a tournament to determine the first WWF heavyweight champion. I won the tournament and the belt, and history was written. I became the only man ever to hold two major federation heavyweight titles.

**Q:** But unfortunately for you,



Posing with his son, aspiring professional Buddy Jr., and Snuka, Rogers has every reason to be proud (above). Rogers is the only man in history to wear both the NWA and WWF heavyweight championship belts (below).



history was also written in Madison Square Garden in May of 1963 when you wrestled Bruno Sammartino.

**A:** Yes, well, I don't mean to sound bitter at all, but if you remember, Matt, I was injured for that match.

**Q:** That's right, a couple of days before that match you were

injured in the ring, so I suppose you were going up against Bruno in less than the best of shape.

**A:** An understatement if ever there was one. The match, as you know, took 48 seconds. Bruno threw a couple of dropkicks, caught me in a bearhug, a backbreaker, and that was it. He likes to brag about how he beat me in less than a minute for the WWF title, but if I were him, I wouldn't brag about beating an injured man. Had he wrestled me two weeks later when I was recuperated, he would never have won the championship.

**Q:** A final question, Buddy.

**A:** Shoot.

**Q:** Your wrestling career has stretched from the 1940s through the 1980s. How would you rate the average wrestler of yesteryear with the average wrestler of today?

**A:** Good question. I think the average wrestler today is more skilled, a little more flamboyant, and able to handle a wider variety of



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styles. In the early days, we didn't have to contend with as many specialty matches, with men like Kabuki who use martial arts and spit green fog, or with such a wide variety of maneuvers. It only makes sense that over the years the sport would develop, change, expand in many ways. I think the wrestlers of today are more dangerous and unpredictable than ever before. Strangely enough, that danger is part of the beauty of the sport, and it's one reason why I'll always be involved with wrestling in one form or another.

**Q:** Buddy Rogers, thank you for spending some time with us on "The Hotseat."

**A:** My pleasure, Matt. □

# INSIDE WRESTLING

# THE RATINGS

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## World Wrestling Federation



Champion:  
BOB BACKLUND



1—MAGNIFICENT  
MURACO

## American Wrestling Association



Champion:  
NICK BOCKWINKEL



1—RICK MARTEL

## National Wrestling Alliance



Champion:  
RIC FLAIR



1—GREG VALENTINE

## Tag Teams



1—SGT. SLAUGHTER  
& DON KERNODLE

## Most Hated Wrestlers



1—GREG VALENTINE



2—KEVIN SULLIVAN

## Most Popular Wrestlers



1—ANDRE THE GIANT



2—DUSTY RHODES



2—GREG GAGNE &  
JIM BRUNZELL



3—RIC FLAIR



3—JAY & JULES  
STRONGBOW



3—JIMMY SNUKA



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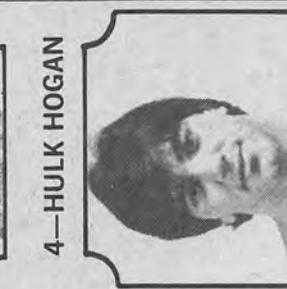
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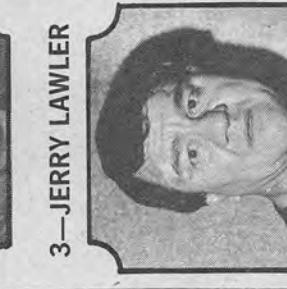
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Bob Backlund  
vs. John Studd

# THE UNTOLD STORY BEHIND STUDD'S RAW DEAL



FOR THE LAST few months, every WWF wrestling fan seems to be asking the same question:

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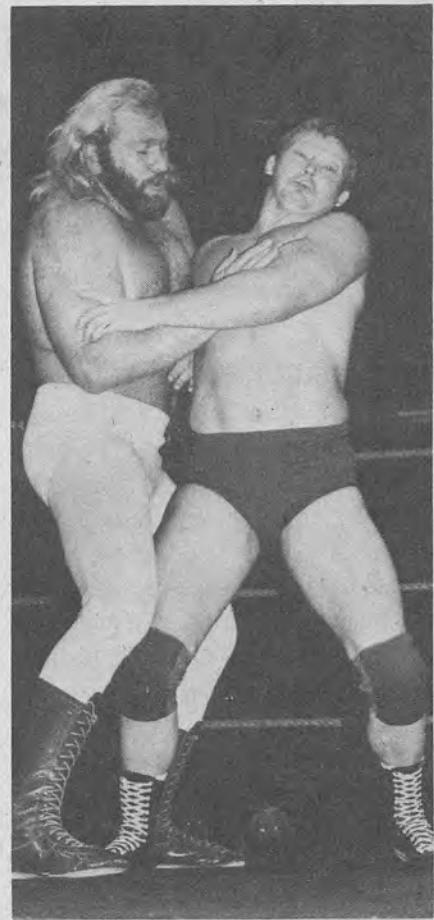
Big John Studd, standing 6'10" and weighing over 360 pounds, came thundering into the WWF territory recently. He bragged that nobody has ever been able to bodyslam him, and his manager Fred Blassie challenged anyone to try.

Blassie's challenge offered, at first, \$500 to the man able to bodyslam Studd. Each time someone failed, the pot was sweetened by another \$500. It didn't take long for the prize money to reach more than \$5,000.

As the award for bodyslamming Studd rapidly increased, so did his stature in the WWF ratings. Before long, Blassie had secured for Studd a match with WWF champion Bob Backlund.

Studd was ready to go. Anxious to pit his backbreaker against Backlund's chicken wing, Studd

Once John Studd made his entrance into the WWF, it didn't take long for him to rise to the coveted position of number one contender. The fact that Studd failed to defeat Bob Backlund for the WWF belt was not as surprising as the fact that he did not gain an immediate rematch. *Inside Wrestling* has learned the startling reason why he did not get that rematch



Studd slams Backlund backfirst against his knee (above left). Backlund looks for leverage against his 6'10" challenger (above right). Backlund lifted Studd for a bodyslam (right) but could not complete the maneuver before Big John shifted his weight and escaped.

felt confident that he would achieve a clear-cut victory over the WWF titlist.

Indeed, Backlund appeared on televised interviews stating, quite uncharacteristically, that he was in fact worried by the challenge of Big John Studd. Blassie and Studd felt they had Backlund precisely where they wanted him.

As the photos on these pages from New York's Madison Square Garden prove, Studd had maintained a significant advantage throughout the confrontation. Although he had been able to lift Studd in the air, Backlund was unable to complete the bodyslam. Retaliating, Studd hurt Backlund with a devastating smash to the chest and, of course, the backbreaker.

As Studd held Backlund in the backbreaker, referee Dick Kroll asked the champion if he was ready to submit. Shaking his head

vigorously, Backlund refused.

Noting that he was close to the cornerpost, Backlund utilized his weight, pushed off the cornerpost while still being held in the backbreaker, and escaped the hold. Studd was flabbergasted, and Backlund went on to victory shortly thereafter.

Ringside observers could hear Studd's anger and disappointment: "Damn it all, I heard that wimp give up. Everybody in the arena heard him give up. I'll tear him apart next month!"

But when the ring announcer read the matches for next month's card a few minutes later, John Studd discovered that Blassie had signed for him to wrestle not Bob Backlund, but Jules Strongbow.

The announcement came as a shock to everyone. It seemed obvious by the controversial ending

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# Gorgeous Jim Garvin's New Image: WILL BEAUTY KILL THE BEAST?

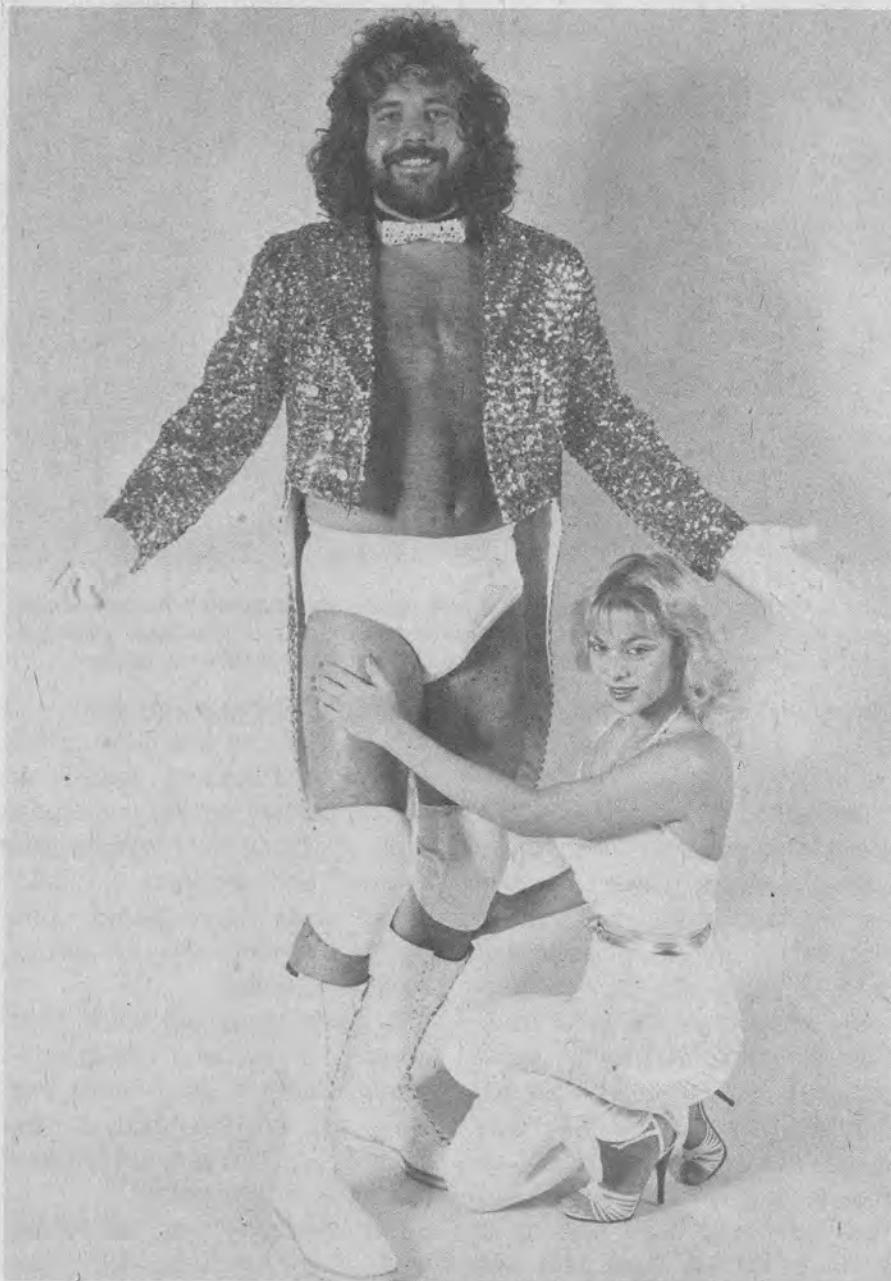
THE HAUNTING OPENING strains of a popular song blast through the public address system. The arena goes dark, except for a number of spotlights that sweep through the bleachers.

Suddenly, the beams merge. Under that intense light stands a man dripping in gold and sequins. On his arm, a blonde beauty worthy of the cover of *Vogue* magazine stares at him in awe. They make their way down the aisle to the ring. Her eyes are transfixed, never straying from the subject of her devotion. He walks with pride, his stride almost boastful.

They approach the ring apron. She climbs up first, sitting ever so gracefully on the second strand and pushing the top strand up. He climbs through the ropes into the ring, his sequin-studded jacket not touching either rope strand. She follows, and begins to help him out of the jacket and matching bow tie.

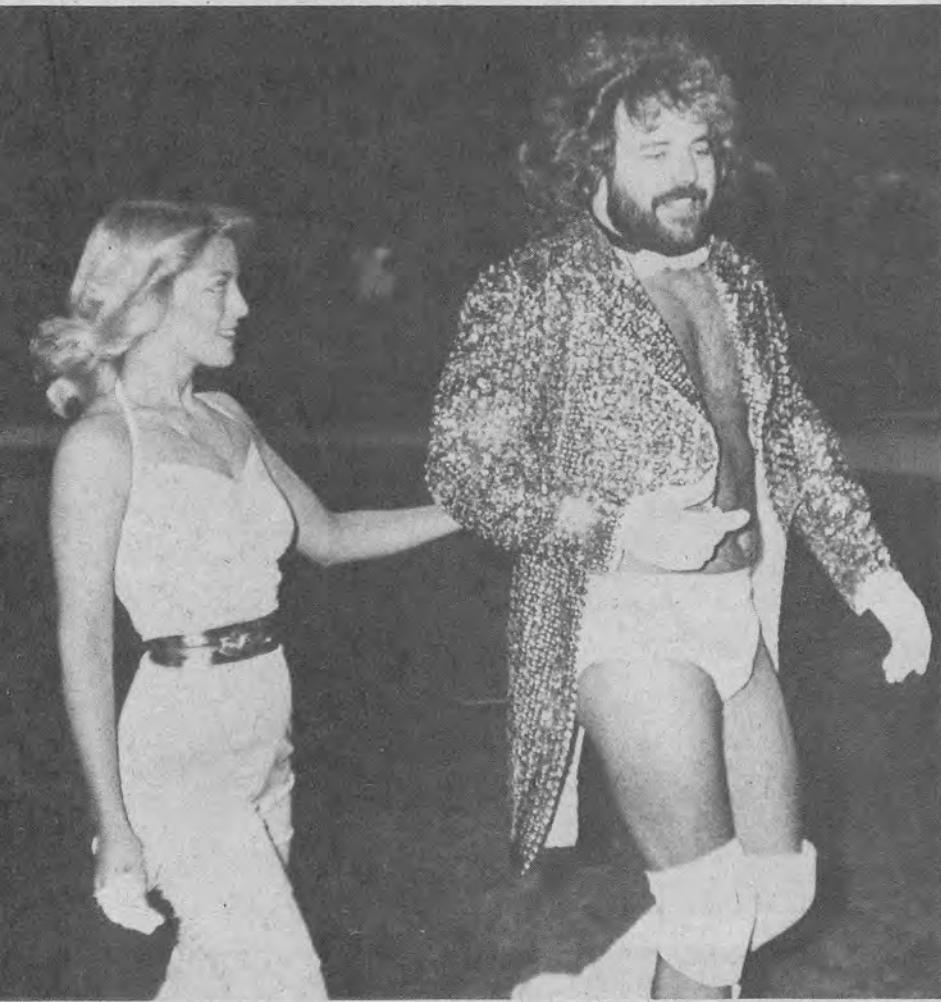
"Look at that. Just look at that," J.J. Dillon said as he stood by the door to the dressing room area. "It's fantastic! What an entrance! Glamour has returned to professional wrestling, thanks to J.J. Dillon."

Indeed, Dillon had staged a spectacle of sizable proportions for the fans that evening. But the spectacle was not intended for the fans. It was a gift from Dillon to his protege, "Gorgeous" Jimmy Garvin.



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One cannot fault J.J. Dillon's generosity. As a reward for good deeds done, he has given Jim Garvin the first in what could be a long line of female valets. The wrestling community has seen a definite change in Gorgeous Jimmy since Precious has been in his employ. Will she be the ruination of Garvin's career?

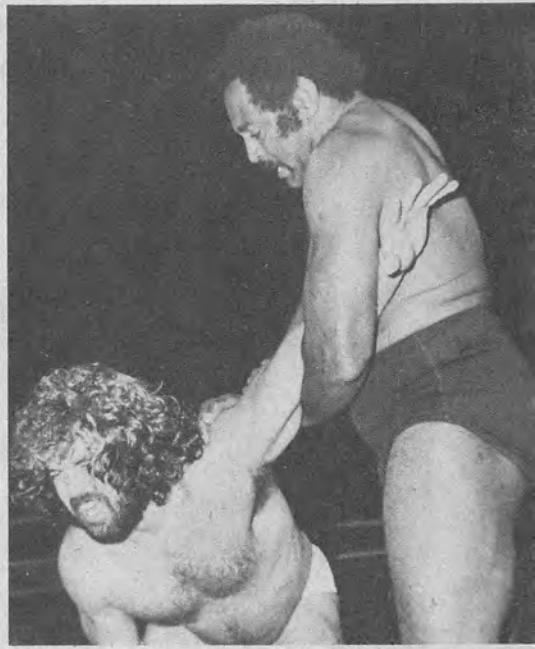


Gorgeous Jim Garvin is in his glory as he and his valet, Precious, walk down the aisle to the ring (above left). Precious, a gift from J.J. Dillon (background, below) removes Garvin's white gloves. With the beautiful blonde on his mind, how can Garvin concentrate on Charlie Cook (above right).



"I have rewarded Jimmy for a job well done," Dillon said. "The beautiful young thing on his arm is named Precious. And isn't she? I interviewed thousands of stunning Florida beauties to find her. And she's just the first. Jimmy will be bestowed with a number of female valets. After all, variety *is* the spice of life, if you know what I mean."

But what did Garvin do to deserve

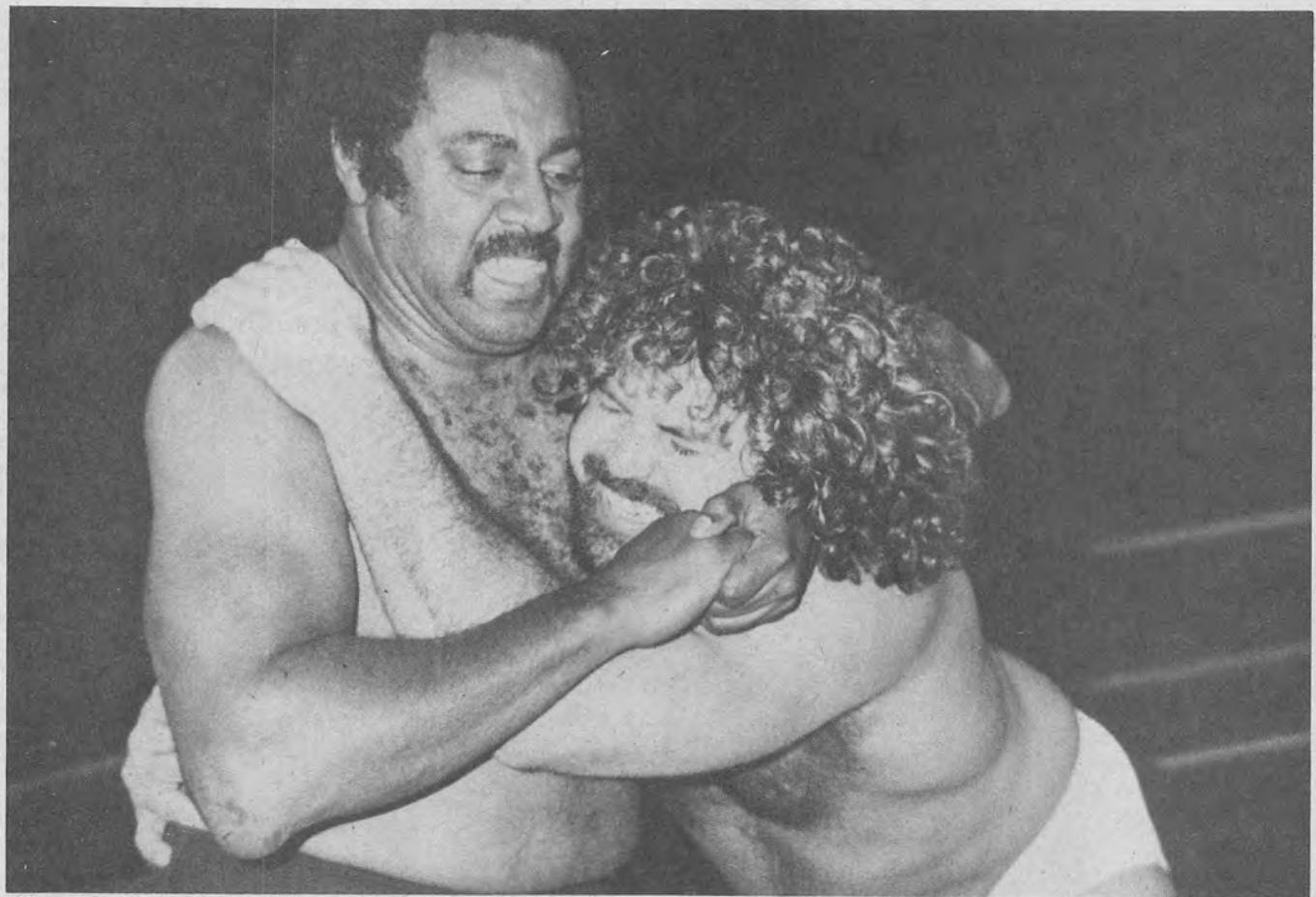


such a reward?

"What did he do? What did he do? Well, what didn't he do, why don't you tell me that!" an annoyed Dillon said. "He is a fine man who listens to me and carries out my orders. I've been hard on him at times, maybe too hard. But he's an excellent wrestler who can, with a little nudging, be a great. It is for the totality of his achievements that he is being rewarded."

Dillon then scurried down the aisle and practically leaped from the arena floor into the ring to share the spotlight with Garvin and his "gift." The manager delighted in the whistles and catcalls from the audience, knowing that these spectators were jealous of his charge. That was just what he wanted. The spattering of jeers became louder as the adoring Precious slowly began to remove Garvin's white gloves. The three of them were all smiles as the crowd's screams grew to thunderous proportions.

Precious then left the ring to allow Garvin to get on with the job at hand.

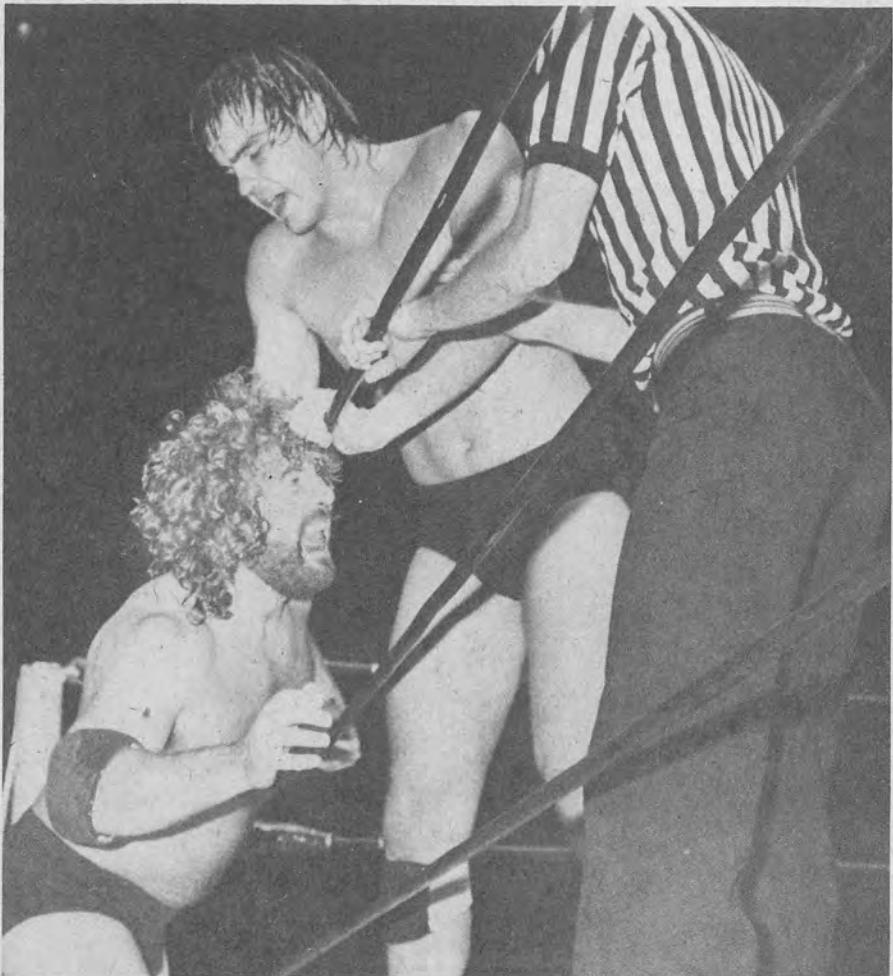


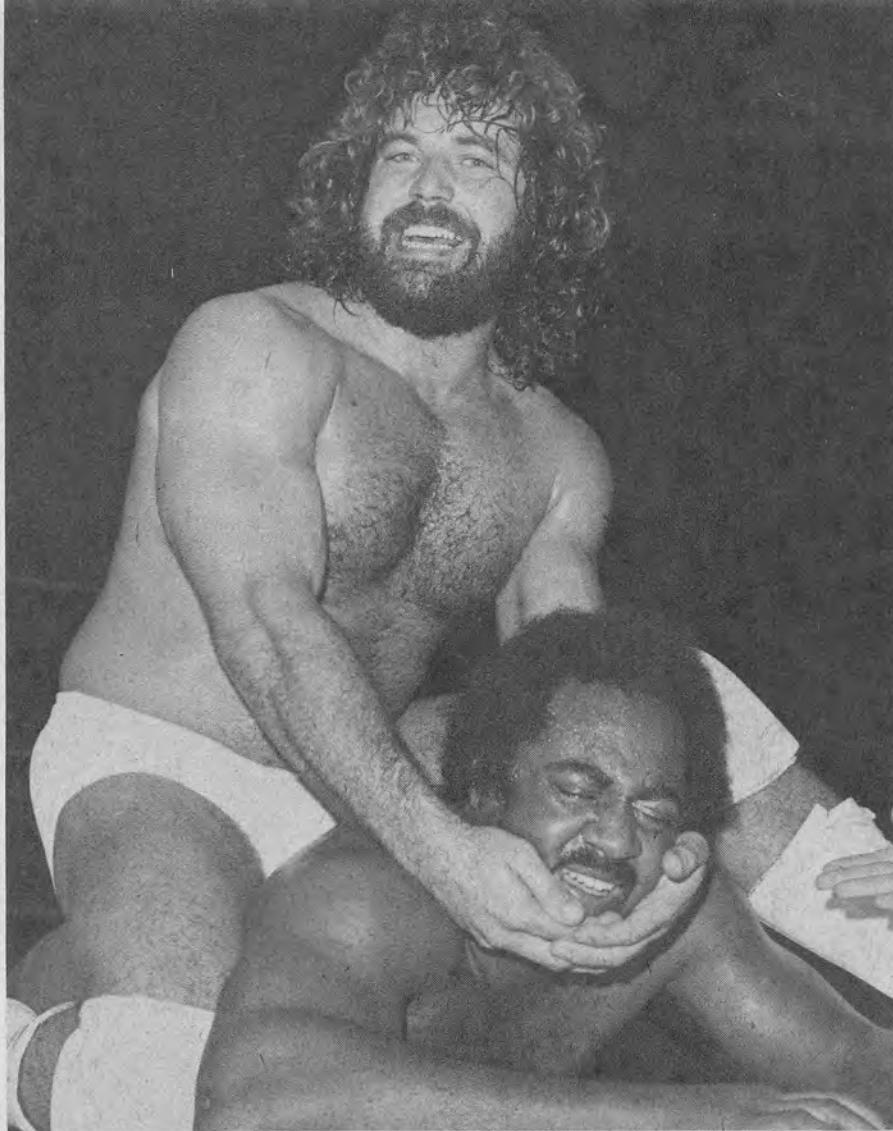
Garvin was rewarded by Dillon for a job well done. But since his image change, Garvin has not looked as sharp in the ring. Gorgeous Jim is on the receiving end against Cook (above) and Southern champion Barry Windham (right).

And a tough job it would be. Garvin at times seemed distracted. At one point, he actually released an armbar to fix his hair.

"I've noticed that," Barry Windham said as he observed from ringside. "He's been doing that a lot. Maybe he's doing it for her. I know I wouldn't be able to wrestle if she was looking at me like that. It's breaking his concentration. Any perceptive wrestler would take advantage of that. Maybe Dillon's little reward is backfiring on him. And what about the next girl? Knowing the way Dillon throws around the bucks, she'll probably be even more beautiful."

In the ring, Charlie Cook had the upper hand. Gorgeous Jimmy wouldn't let this last for long, however. He unloaded his arsenal of illegal tactics and bullied his way to victory.





Garvin quickly jumped to his feet, not to have the referee raise his hand in victory, but to call Precious back into the ring to help him celebrate the win. Despite the boos of the crowd, Garvin and his valet took their bows like Broadway theater performers.

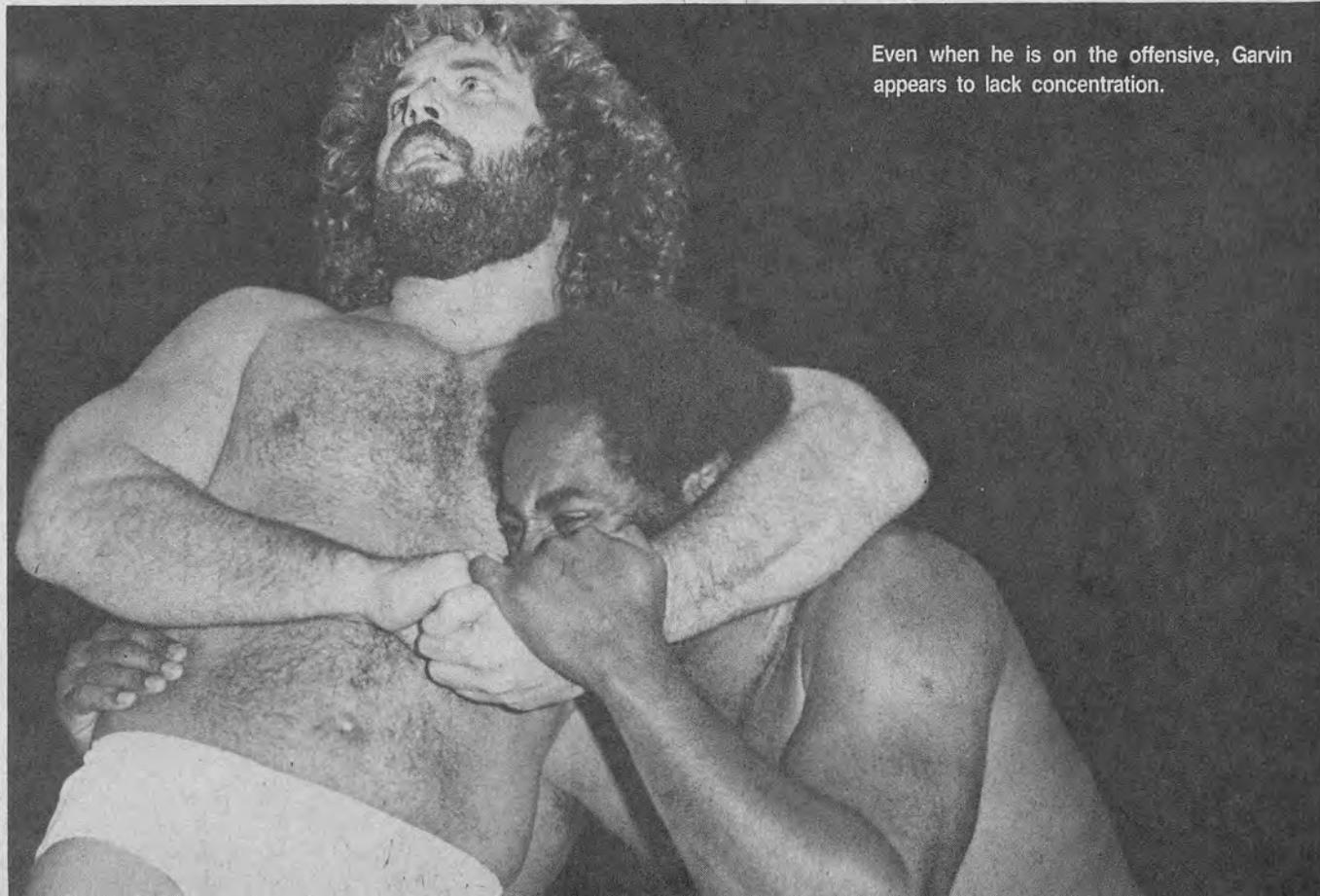
Walking from the ring back to the dressing room, her eyes once again did not stray from his. Nobody believed she could be that devoted to a man of Garvin's quality.

"Hey, why wouldn't she be?" Garvin said. "She's never met anyone like me before. Hahaha, she should actually be paying J.J. for being allowed to hang around me."

What does Precious think about the situation?

"She can't talk to you, she's busy," Garvin explained. "She getting things ready for my shower. She works for me, not you. If you want to talk to a beautiful blonde, get your own."

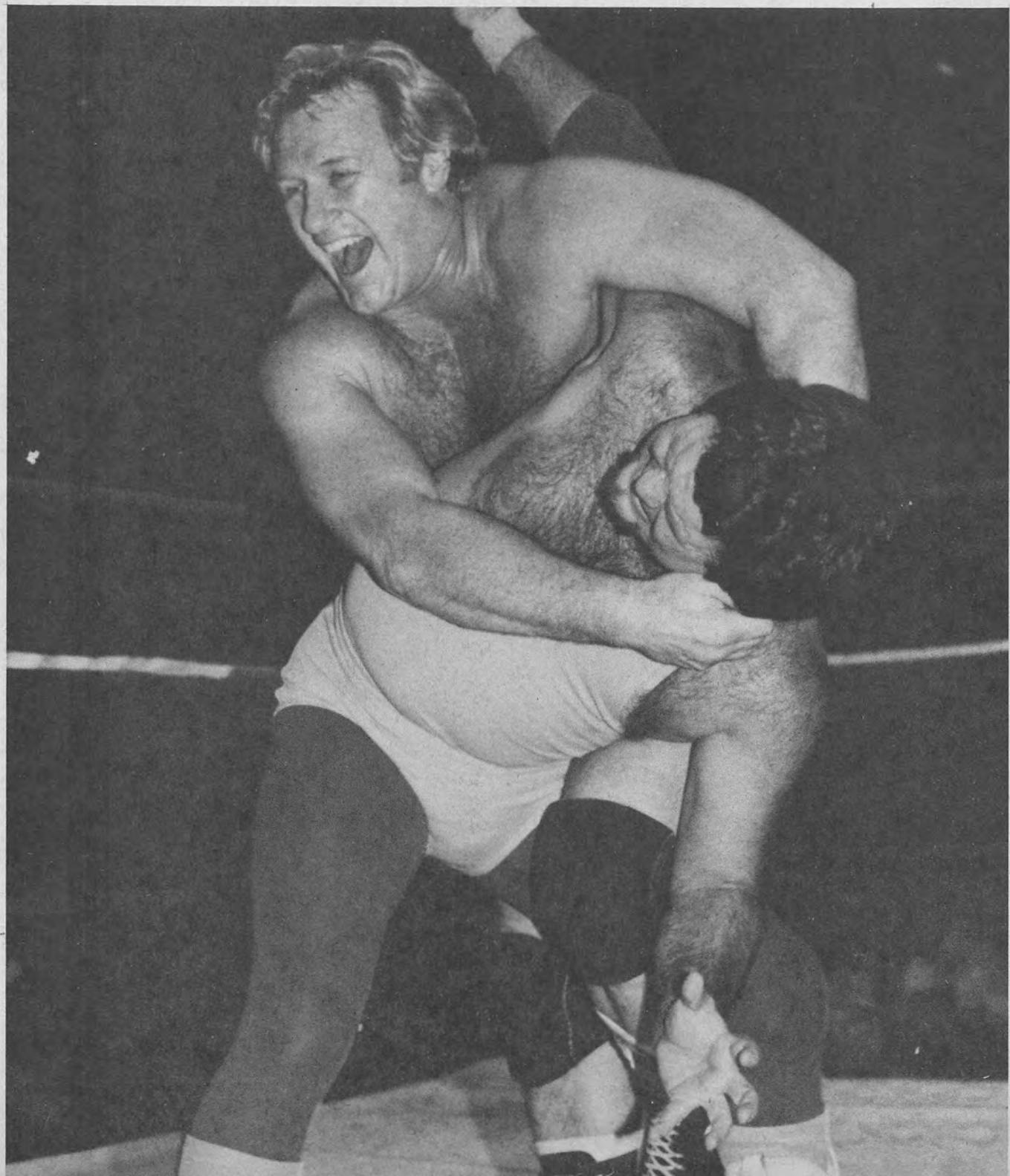
"This is only the beginning. There will be more blondes, and brunettes, and redheads—yeah, I like redheads. Years from now they can have a reunion and talk about what it was like to work for Gorgeous Jimmy Garvin." □



Even when he is on the offensive, Garvin appears to lack concentration.

Bockwinkel vs. Lawler:

# EVEN THE KING CAN'T DETHRONE THE AWA CHAMPION



**Self-proclaimed "King of Wrestling" Jerry Lawler felt that all he needed to do was piledrive Nick Bockwinkel and the AWA title would be his. Lawler succeeded in piledriving Bockwinkel, but it takes more than one maneuver to defeat a champion as resourceful as Bockwinkel. That's a lesson that Jerry Lawler learned the hard way**



Jerry Lawler was certain his piledriver would end Nick Bockwinkel's title reign (left). But the AWA champion absorbed the blow and battled back (above).

**T**HE FEELING OF invincibility is a wonderful thing. When you've got it, you strut through life with supreme self-confidence, secure in the belief that nothing anyone does can alter your own status as king of the hill.

In Jerry Lawler's case, his use of the piledriver over the years has provided him with the belief that he is invincible, that he is "King of Wrestling."

It's not surprising. The piledriver is a formidable weapon. Depending on who uses it and how it is applied, the piledriver can either incapacitate its victim long enough to score a pin or cripple its victim badly enough to land him in the hospital.

Ray Stevens, in one of wres-

tling's most shocking incidents of 1982, delivered two piledrivers on a concrete floor to Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka. The force of those blows was enough to place Snuka in the hospital for nearly a month.

Jerry Lawler is not as sadistically destructive when he uses the piledriver. For Lawler, the maneuver is applied to stun rather than cripple. It has earned him countless victories over the years, and he considers it his bread-and-butter maneuver.

When it was announced that Lawler was going to wrestle Nick Bockwinkel for the AWA heavyweight championship in the challenger's hometown of Memphis, Tennessee, the "King of Wrestling" was virtually drooling at the

mouth.

"I can't wait to catch Bockwinkel in the piledriver," Lawler boasted. "It's going to be the end of Nick Bockwinkel. He's not up against some loser, he's up against the King, and the King will prevail!"

Of course actions speak louder than words, and when Bockwinkel and Lawler stepped into that Memphis wrestling ring, mere words could not help either one of them.

For this particular match, Bobby Heenan had been barred from the arena, a contractual stipulation demanded by Lawler. Jimmy Hart, Lawler's Memphis area nemesis, took on the task of managing Bockwinkel for this match.

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# WHERE ARE THEY NOW?

Do you have a favorite wrestler who has left your area? Are you wondering where he is today? Then this special column is for you. Each month, we will update the whereabouts of four current or former wrestlers

## BILLY ROBINSON

This incredible mat veteran is currently wrestling in the Montreal area. His reputation among the fans has deteriorated since he won the Canadian International championship from the popular Dino Bravo. Robinson and Bravo, as champion and number one contender, respectively, are currently locked in a bitter feud with the future of the Canadian title hanging in the balance.



## MOOSE MOROWSKI

After terrorizing squared circles throughout Texas and the Midwest for many years, Moose Morowski has moved into British Columbia, Canada. The crafty veteran now prefers tag team wrestling to grappling as a single and is teaming with Al Tomko. Together, Morowski and Tomko have steamrolled over all opposition, and now wear the British Columbian tag team championship belts.

## THE SHEIK

Many people remember The Sheik as the man who brought the tactic of firethrowing to professional wrestling. No longer active in the United States, The Sheik has returned to the Middle East, traveling from nation to nation and mixing wrestling with business dealings. The Sheik reportedly has extensive holdings in both the oil and real estate businesses.



## JOHNNY POWERS

Johnny is presently involved in the real estate business and also spends a great deal of his time promoting and marketing various types of entertainment events. Johnny continues to train daily, and he still makes several trips each year to wrestle in Japan, where he is still a highly regarded star.

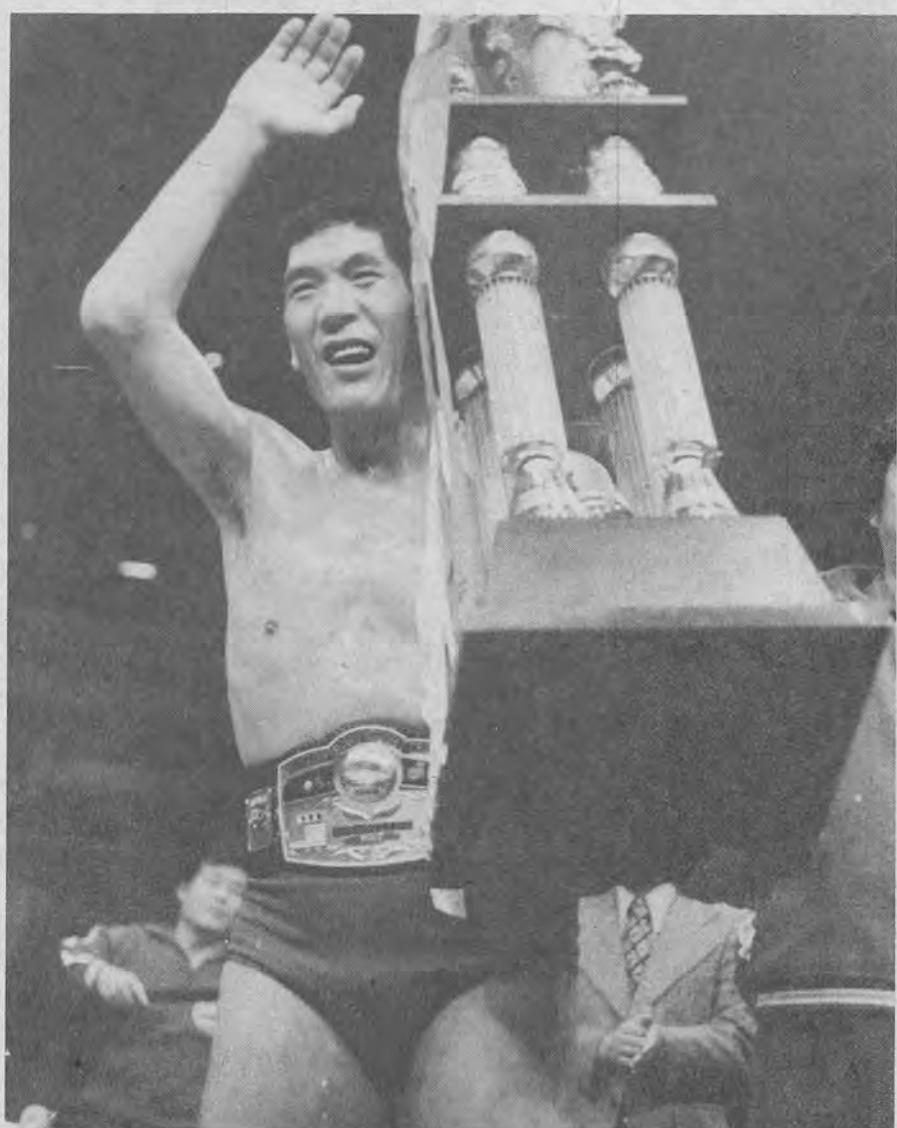
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## CAPSULE PROFILE

**A**NATIVE OF Japan, Baba was advised early in his wrestling career by the great Japanese superstar Rikidozan ("Rikidozan was the best Japanese wrestler who ever lived and he helped me a great deal when I was starting out") . . . Made his American debut in Los Angeles in 1961 ("I have to admit I was a little nervous when I stepped off that plane in Los Angeles. It was like entering a whole new world") . . . After a few months on the west coast, Baba moved east and because of hostile crowds became a rule-breaker ("I always felt that the American fans were scared of my size when I first came to America; after all, it is not every wrestler who is seven feet tall and 315 pounds!") . . . One of his first feuds in America was with Johnny Valentine ("His big maneuver is the so-called atomic skullcrusher, and even that did not hurt me") . . . Had a major feud with Bruno Sammartino when the Living Legend held the WWF championship ("I think Sammartino felt I was out for nothing else but his title at that time . . . he was right!") . . .

## GIANT BABA

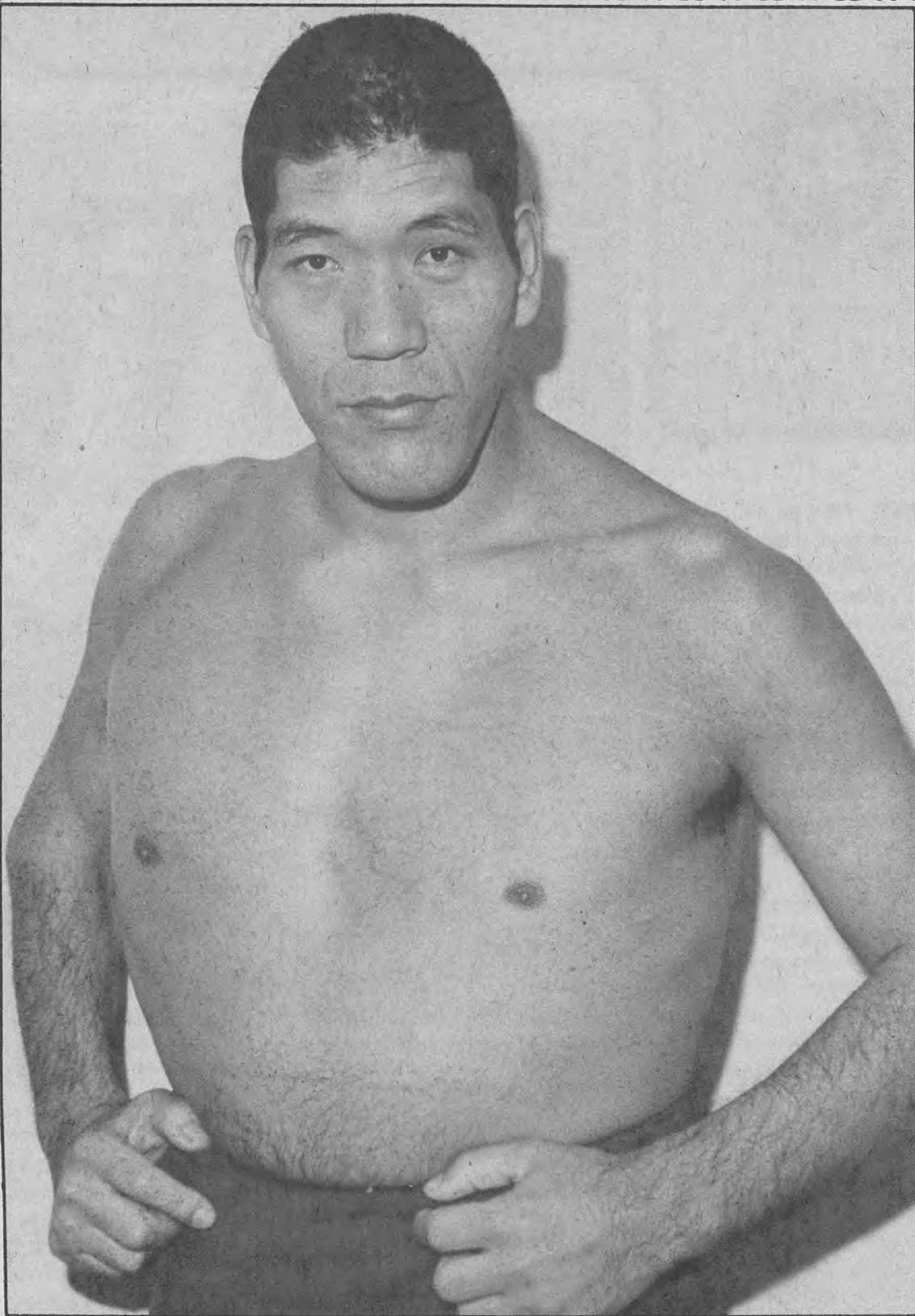


Giant Baba is presented with the NWA belt and a huge trophy after defeating Jack Brisco in Japan in 1974. Brisco would regain the championship one week later. Baba also won and lost the title against Harley Race in 1979.

Also feuded with Antonino Rocca ("I have never seen another man who could perform aerial maneuvers like Rocca") . . . Held the International Tag Team title twice ("Sakaguchi and Jumbo Tsuruta were both excellent partners") . . . Held the NWA heavyweight title twice ("Jack Brisco and Harley Race were both very difficult matches for me, and I feel I earned the

title both times") . . . Has held the Pacific Wrestling Federation heavyweight title several times, most recently regaining the belt from Harley Race in February 1983 ("Sometimes I feel as if I am always wrestling Harley Race for a title") . . . Is one of the most respected athletes in Japan (The fans in my home country have always been good to me"). □

## CAPSULE PROFILE PINUP



**GIANT BABA**

THE KIEL AUDITORIUM stands at the crossroads of 14th and Market Streets in St. Louis. The specific location, however, isn't as important to Cowboy Bob Orton as the fact that it is far from the Mid-Atlantic area.

Just a few months earlier, Orton was a fan favorite in the Mid-Atlantic. It didn't last long, but it caused more than a few people to scratch their heads in confusion. Before entering that region, Orton had topped the "Most Hated" ratings while wrestling in the WWF area.

What was going on inside Orton's head at this point? I was determined to find out.

I spoke with Orton in St. Louis immediately after his match with Tommy Rich.

"Hell, that wasn't so bad," said Orton, "Rich is all worn out because of his feud with Buzz Sawyer. Did you see the way I humiliated that blond wimp out there?"

I said that I did; I'm not about to disagree with an athlete like Orton, particularly when he outweighs me by almost 70 pounds.

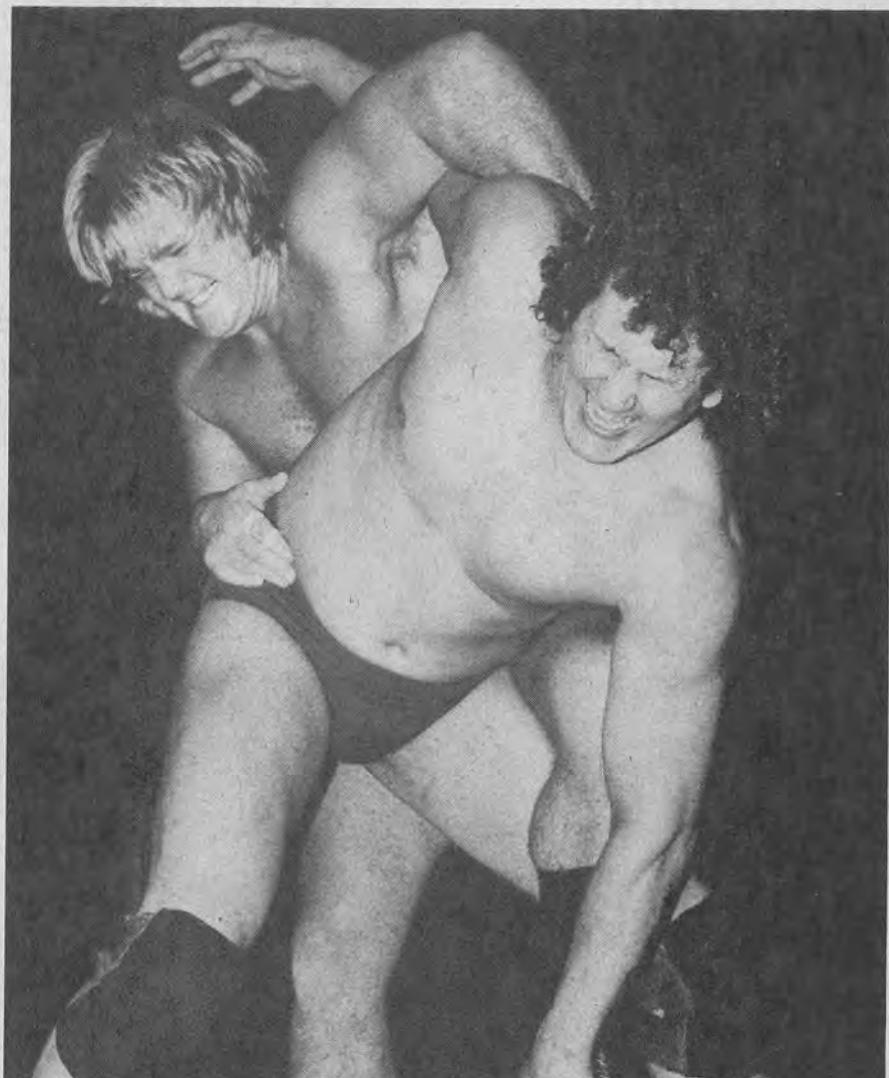
I added that I noticed the fans were decidedly against him in the Kiel that night.

"Well, what do you expect?" Orton replied. "After all, Rich has the fans brainwashed. They'll believe anything he says, support anything he does. Frankly, the boos of the fans were music to my ears."

Orton smiled and disappeared from his dressing room to get a drink of water. I thought back on his days in the Mid-Atlantic, not so long ago, when the fans were actually cheering him. I had to know how he felt about that.

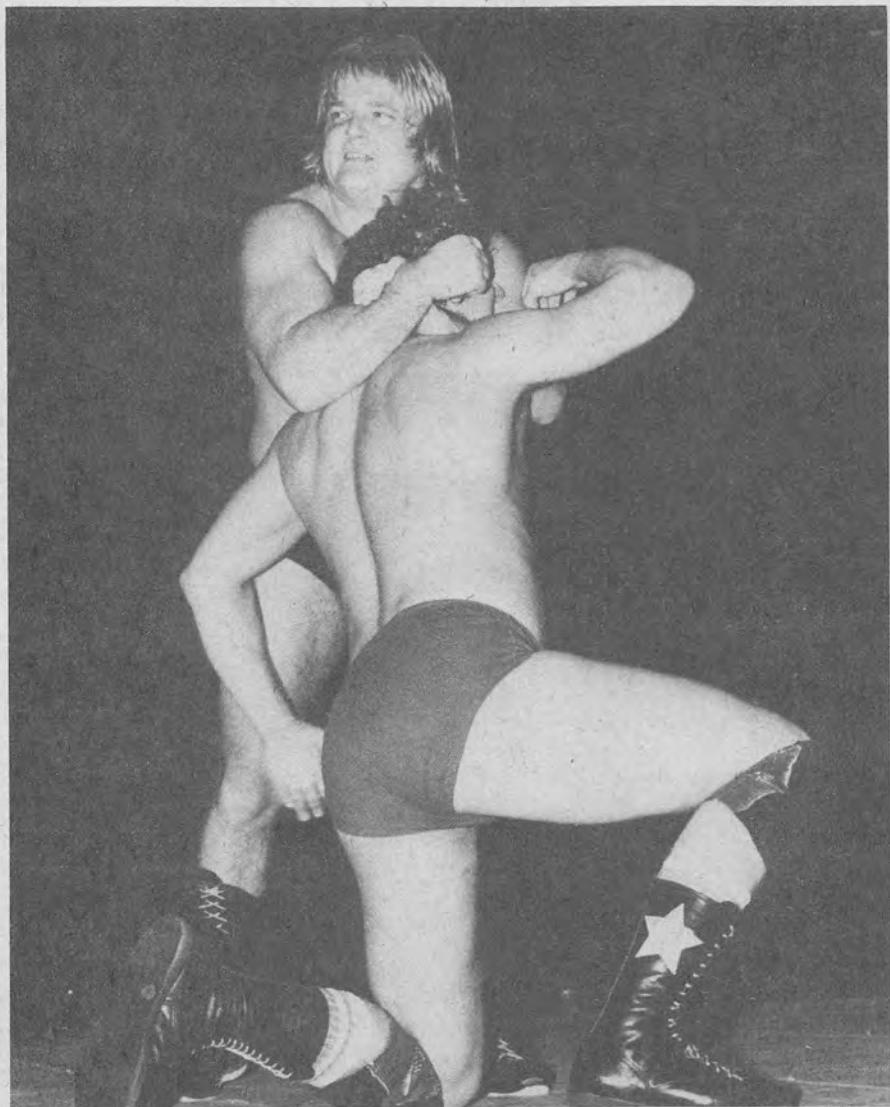
# HOW THE ORDEAL OF BEING A FAN FAVORITE ALMOST DESTROYED BOB ORTON

By Rich Countis



So overwhelmed was Orton by the affection the Mid-Atlantic fans showed for him when wrestling men like Greg Valentine, the cowboy altered his style to suit his supporters and lost effectiveness in the ring.

**When Cowboy Bob Orton's friendship with Roddy Piper brought him to the Mid-Atlantic area, he found himself in a position in which he was wrestling as a fan favorite against such stars as Greg Valentine. At first the cheers caused Orton to smile, but his smile of pleasure quickly turned to a grimace of pain. Here's why**



When Orton returned, I asked him: "You said the boos were music to your ears. Why? Only a couple of months ago you were being cheered by the fans. Didn't you like that?"

Orton smiled the kind of a smile that was meant only for himself.

"Do you want to know the story?" he asked me.

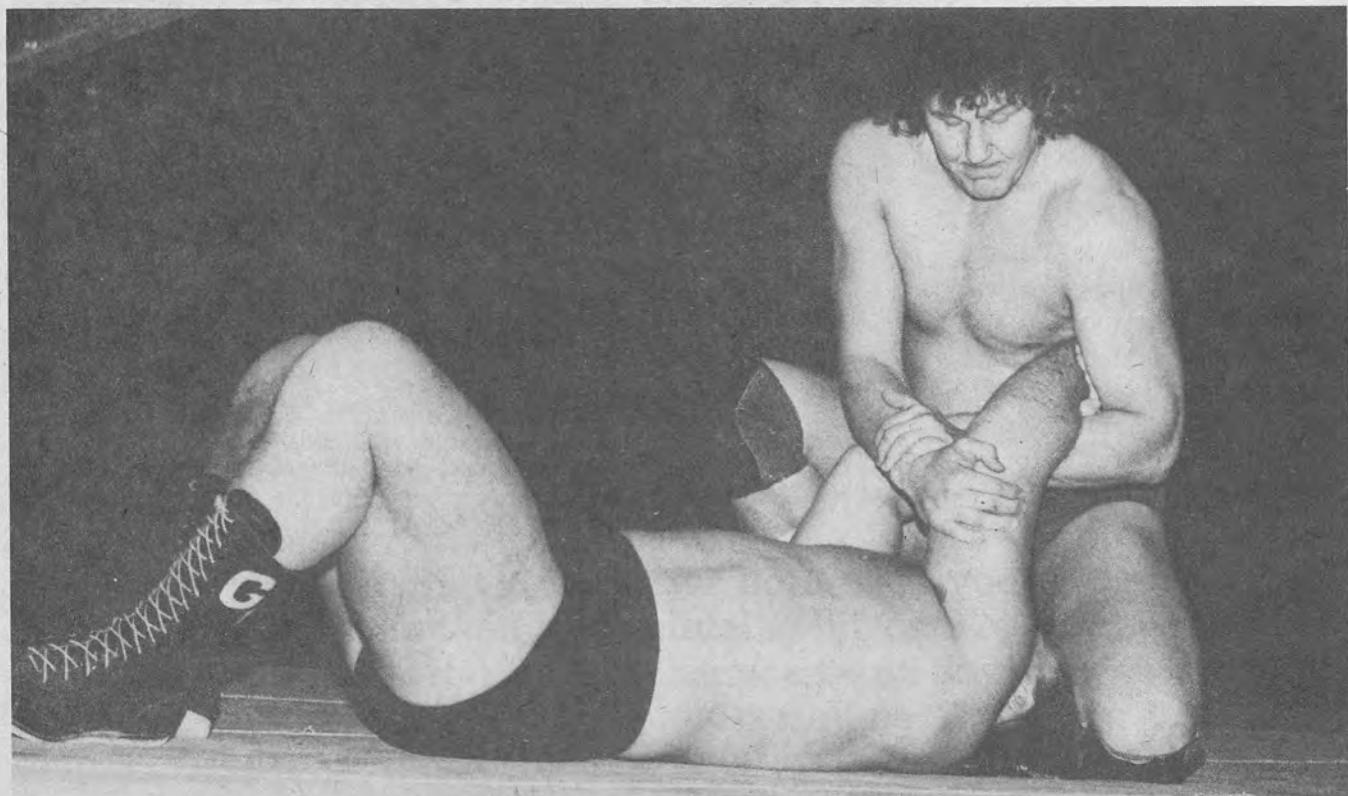
"Of course," I replied.

"Well, it's a long one, and I haven't got much time," Orton said, "I have to meet someone in half an hour."

"So just give me the highlights," I said. Orton seemed as if he was sitting on the fence, unsure of whether he should talk to me or not. Fortunately, he decided to give me the story.

"Well, I went into the Mid-Atlantic because of Roddy Piper," Orton began. "He's always been a close friend, and he needed help in

Under ordinary circumstances, Orton might have used his free left hand to pull Valentine's trunks and escape this headlock (left). Under ordinary circumstances, Orton would use more aggressive holds than armbars (below).



Piper's Palace and the battle against Sir Oliver Humperdink there. So I joined up, and I suddenly found myself wrestling men like Greg Valentine and getting cheered because of it.

"Now, wrestling Valentine was strange enough, because we both have common enemies in the WWF area," Orton continued, "but the cheers of the fans really threw me offguard. I've never experienced that before, certainly not like I did

in the Carolinas."

Orton continued to smile. It was clear to me that the experience was not completely distasteful to his memory.

"The fans loved me," Orton said. "So what did I do? I returned their gestures. I began to smile at the fans, I began to tailor some of my maneuvers to please them."

Orton spit on the floor. "Hell, I was a damn fool!"

I didn't have to ask what hap-

pened next. I left to let Orton prepare for his meeting. I knew the story as well as anyone who has followed Orton's recent career.

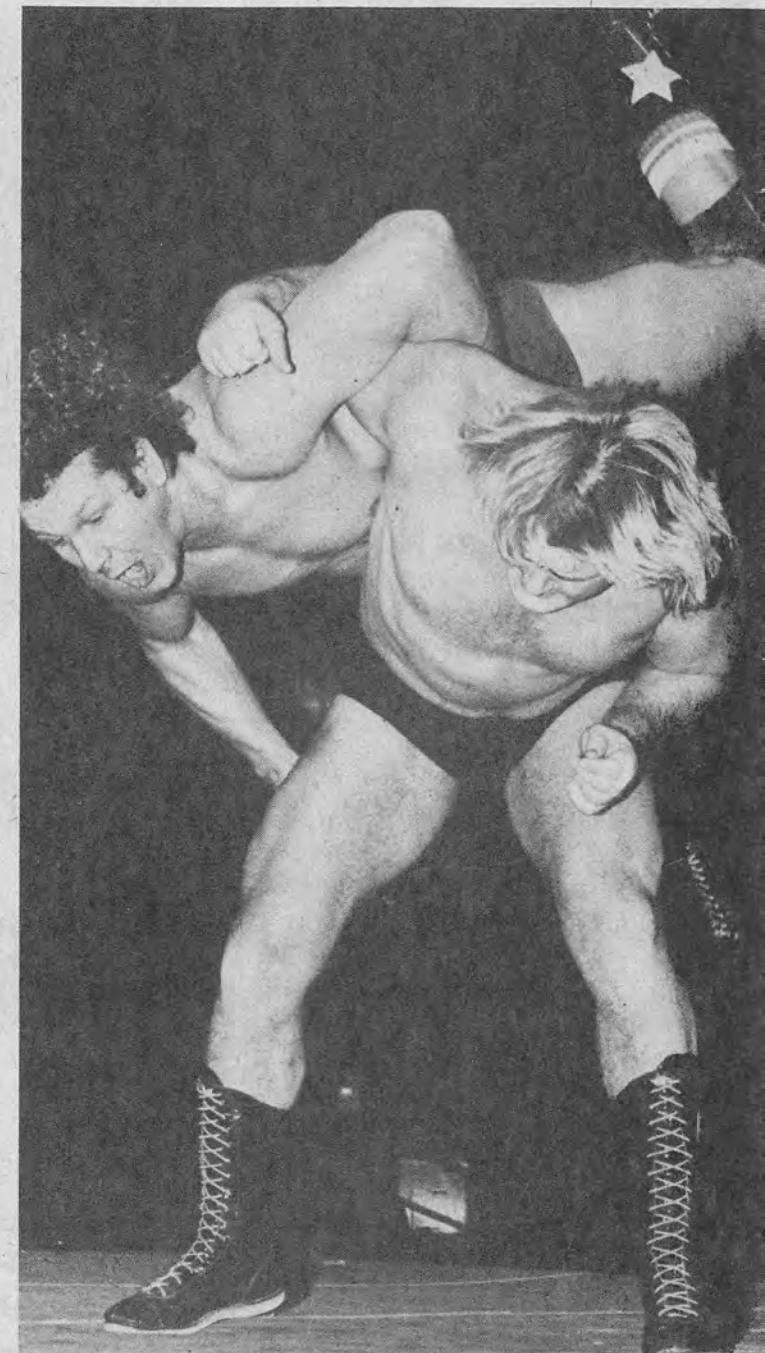
As Orton began to peak as a fan favorite in the Carolinas, Sir Oliver Humperdink and Greg Valentine moved in for the kill. Valentine and Orton were slated to wrestle each other.

Valentine was his usual sadistic self, not caring at all how the fans

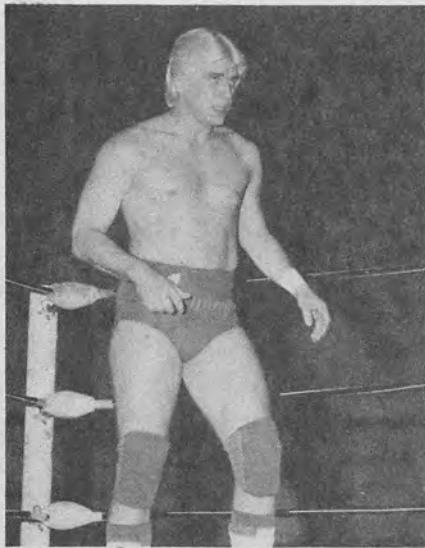
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Orton is on the receiving end of a Valentine bodyslam (above left) and a Valentine hiproll (above right).



# ONE ON ONE



**TOMMY RICH**

(The feud between "Mad Dog" Buzz Sawyer and Tommy "Wildfire" Rich has continued for longer than anyone could have imagined. The origins of the feud are well known and unimportant at this point in time. What is important is that the feud has reached a level of brutality and hatred unmatched by any other conflict in present-day wrestling. It has caused virtually everyone in the Georgia wrestling area to choose a side. One friend of Rich's, Butch Reed, managed to strike a significant blow in the feud when he defeated Sawyer in a Loser Loses Hair Match on Christmas



Picturephones courtesy of Bell Telephone

night in Atlanta's Omni. Considering the volatile nature of the feud and the high level of

interest among our readers, "Inside Wrestling" thought it a good idea to bring Rich and Sawyer together

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**The telephone wires will heat up every month when two top wrestlers rage and argue. This is the unedited transcript of their conversation, a chance for you to see what happens when two wrestlers look each other in the eyes and go One On One**

# WOWIE



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to discuss their differences . . .  
(One on One.)

#### TOMMY RICH:

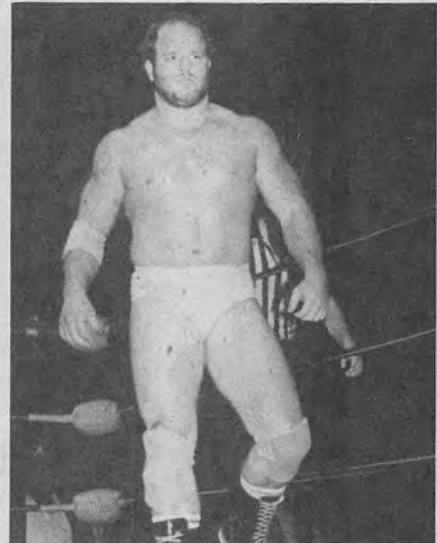
I suppose you don't even want to talk rationally, Sawyer, I suppose you're going to go right off on one of your tantrums and mouth off like a maniac.

#### BUZZ SAWYER:

Sure, Tommy Rich knows all

the answers. You're so smart, you're so honest, so why are you judging me before I even say one word? That's the whole problem with you, you open your mouth before thinking. It's gotten you in trouble before and it'll get you in trouble again.

**TR:** Listen, Sawyer, I'm not the one who's always running my mouth on television, down-



**BUZZ SAWYER**

grading people, making threats I can't keep, calling the fans stupid.

**BS:** The only fans who are stupid are the ones who think you're hot stuff, who support you and your cousin Johnny Rich and your stupid friends Paul Orndorff, Butch Reed, and Brad Armstrong.

**TR:** Right, Sawyer, go right on thinking that. In the meantime, Butch Reed caught you where he wanted and shaved your fat little head balder than a baby's behind!

**BS:** But how smart is he? Nobody has seen my head on television, and nobody ever will, because I am smarter than you, Wimpfire. I am smarter, and I was able to rally my lawyers together so that the tape of that Omni match was banned from television. In the meantime, who was it who humiliated your puny



Sawyer and Rich, both on the verge of unconsciousness, are driven only by their mutual hatred. Most often, they can't remember the details of their matches the following day.

little cousin, who cut his greasy hair right on television in front of millions of people across the nation?

**TR:** Yeah, Sawyer, real smart lawyers. You really came out looking good when you showed up on camera with a handful of videotape. Really looking good. Butch Reed avenged Johnny by cutting your hair, and sooner or later the world is going to see it.

**BS:** But in the meantime, you keep plugging away, you keep failing in your promises to expose Buzz Sawyer, you keep letting your fans down. Do you think those idiots

who call themselves your fans like to see you bleed as much as I make you bleed? Hahaha!

**TR:** You're a maniac, Sawyer . . .

**BS:** I like it like that!

**TR:** . . . a maniac and a madman, all rolled up into one.

**BS:** Doesn't it bother you to be so jealous?

**TR:** Jealous . . . of you?

**BS:** Yeah, that's what you're really saying, that's why you keep trying to put me out of wrestling, isn't it? You're jealous of my wrestling skills, of my fantastic body, of my keen mind. I must say, for a guy who's completely washed up, you're . . .

**TR:** Listen to me, Sawyer, and listen up good.

**BS:** Oh boy, little Tommy Rich is going to get tough on me! Hahaha!

**TR:** I've *been* tough on you, Sawyer, and I'm getting tougher. Your days are numbered here in Georgia. You're running, face it. You've been running away from me for months. You're afraid of Butch Reed, you're afraid of Paul Orndorff, you're afraid of everyone here. Ivan Koloff was your only friend, and now he's left you to go back to the WWF area. You're all alone, Sawyer, and before you know it you'll have the whole world laughing at your ugly bald little onion head!

**BS:** I'm not afraid! I'm not afraid of anyone! Butch Reed: He's a dead man, he's going to pay dearly for what he did to me, and I'm never going to remove my headgear. I'm not afraid! Paul Orndorff: He wears a football helmet into the ring against me, I wasn't afraid of that! I'm not afraid! Ivan Koloff didn't turn his back on me!

**TR:** Just listen to yourself, Sawyer, you're a raving lunatic!

**BS:** That's right, raving mad! Raving all the way to the top, all the way to the Georgia National title and then the NWA title! I may be a madman, but it's going to be you who pays the price for my madness, Wimpfire, it's going to be you who suffers the most. Not me! I'm going to be on top, Rich, I'm going to be screaming victory!

**TR:** You'll be screaming, all right, all the way to a padded cell. You're nuts, Sawyer, you shouldn't be allowed to wrestle.

**BS:** Just try and stop me! □

## SINCERELY YOURS

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### FUNK: A PAPER CHAMPION

An open letter to Terry Funk:

I have been a fan of yours for many years, but I can't believe you've had a replica of the NWA belt made for yourself!

A belt does not make a champion, a champion makes the belt! I'm not a Ric Flair fan, but I respect the fact that he had the courage to go out and defeat Dusty Rhodes for the title. Don't *you* have the guts to go out and earn the belt for yourself? That would be the honorable thing to do. But I believe you've forgotten all about honor.

Over the years, men like Lou Thesz, Gene Kiniski, Dory Funk Jr., Harley Race, Jack Brisco, and even your archrival Dusty Rhodes went out and won the belt with a lot of hard work. Even *you* went out and worked and defeated Jack Brisco for the championship. Now you are making a mockery of a

championship that many great men have defended with honor.

If Dory Funk Sr. were alive, would he be proud of you? Think about it, Terry, before it's too late. You're running out of time to keep the honor that goes along with being a Funk.

JAMES BURCH  
Roswell, NM

### A MEMORABLE INTERVIEW

I would like to thank Bill Apter for an excellent interview with Kabuki ("Hotseat," April 1983). In the interview, Kabuki had the chance to tell his story about who he is and where he comes from. He talked about his Hindu Coal Match with Gama Singh and how they rubbed his face in the hot coals.

Come on, wrestling fans, where are your brains? Give Kabuki a chance! How can you like Fatboy Dusty Rhodes? He's so dumb he has to mock Kabuki to make up for his own inability to wrestle.

Think about it, wrestling fans, give The Great Kabuki the chance he deserves.

PHILIP ZABRISKIE  
New York

### REBUTTAL TO SHOCKET

In response to Dan Shocket's "Bodyslams And Pinfalls" column in the April 1983 issue, I would like to express a few observations. Mr. Pritchard's opinions and commentaries are no more biased than any other announcer's comments, in Georgia, New York, southwest Texas, or the author of the above-mentioned article.

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## BODYSLAMS & PINFALLS

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With the advantages he's been given, Martel should have won the title long ago. Still, manager Bobby Heenan raises Bockwinkel's arm in victory. That, my friends, is a tribute to either retire or make a mistake. They have conspired to take the title and put this puppet champion in his stead.

"They'd strip me of the title if they could," Nick says, "but even they couldn't get away with that. I'd take them to court and their whole rotten enterprise would be exposed. Instead, they have to steal the title from me. Most wrestlers, even those who hate me, have too much class to be a party to this disgrace. The officials had to find someone with no class at all. Martel is like an answered prayer—or curse, depending on how you look at it.

"He just seems stupid, but he knows what's going on. He sees the title being given to him on an open platter and he's ready to take it. Martel knows he couldn't win a title legitimately. There's no ability in that pretty boy body, and Martel knows that better than anyone. He has one gift—he's likable. He's ready to turn that likability into a championship under any conditions. It looks like he's going to get away with it. The man is a disgrace 20 different ways. If you think I'm taking it hard, try speaking to Bobby. He's worse than I've ever seen him."

It's almost impossible to interview Heenan these days. The conspiracy against his champion has him working overtime, often going 30 to 40 hours without sleep. Keeping one step ahead of the commissioners' dictates has become a crusade to him. The title belongs to his wrestler and they'll have to work as hard as he does to take the belt away. Heenan is banking on the fact that the commissioners don't have the belly for a real war. If he can just keep them confused long enough, he'll survive this period. Interviews just take time away from the business at hand.

Only because Bobby feels so strongly about the injustice of the situation was he willing to grant this interview. The rings around his eyes, the ever-present cup of coffee and the vaguely disconnected conversation betrayed his exhaustion. It was hard for him to keep his eyes open, much less concentrate on what we were saying. It was a heartrending encounter with a brave man.

"Martel must be stopped," Bobby announced, saying those words as if they were a religious chant. "We can do it. We must.

People who were never athletes don't understand what a title means. If it can be given to some cute nonentity because the officials like him, the sport is disgraced. Everything I've done, everything Nick has done, everything all of the great wrestlers since time began have done, all of that will become a farce. This nightmare has to end, and it must end with Martel's public disgrace. That is the least we can accept. At times, I think we are putting too much into this; we're forcing Nick into a war no man could possibly win.

Sometimes, when I watch the sun come up from my study window, I just want to give the rats the belt and get it over with. But Nick and I agree that we're willing to end our careers, if necessary, in the war against Martel and his minions. Yeah, that would be worth it.

"I've been through more wars with officials than any manager in history. I've seen what they can do, and I thought nothing would surprise me. This surprises me. It also shocks and saddens me. The AWA has no scruples. It's funny. The fans hate us, but we're the ones who are gonna save the sport for them. Isn't that funny? If that's so funny, why can't I laugh anymore?"

Few of us are able to laugh at this anymore. The Martel conspiracy is getting stronger and stronger. The officials are elated at the ease with which Martel has been able to fool the fans. The boy-next-door makes good and America cheers. The fact that the boy-next-door is an unskilled, undignified crook intent on stealing the AWA belt doesn't seem to bother anybody.

Happily, that's not totally true. A few brave and good men are bothered. These men are willing to literally sacrifice their careers to halt this disgrace. In the forefront of this noble crusade stand Nick Bockwinkel and Bobby Heenan. □

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## ON THE ROAD

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All of a sudden, Buzz Sawyer and Ole Anderson charged out of the dressing room area and attacked Rich. Sawyer powerslammed him to the concrete floor. Stan Hansen and Tommy Rich and Paul Orndorff ran to the scene to break up the attack, but the damage had been done; Johnny Rich was taken to a local hospital for immediate treatment.

The incident came at the end of the first hour of the program.

At the beginning of the second hour, Stan Hansen came to Gordon Solie's side and said, "It's time for Buzz Sawyer and Pigface Anderson to pay their dues. I'll do it alone if I have to, but if there's anyone out there who wants to help, that's all right, too."

Minutes later, Masked Superstar arrived on the scene with an announcement that shocked everyone.

"I may not always please a lot of people," Superstar said, "I may not be the best of friends with people like Tommy and Johnny Rich or Paul Orndorff, but what Sawyer and Anderson have done is inexcusable. Stan Hansen says he wants help? Well, I'm here to offer my help if he wants it. Bending the



Johnny Rich was hospitalized after being powerslammed to the concrete floor by Buzz Sawyer.

rules a little bit one way or the other is one thing; ambushing a man when his back is turned is another thing entirely."

The teaming of Superstar and Hansen is something of a reunion for the two men.

Some time ago, when both men were viewed as hated rulebreakers by the fans, Hansen and Superstar teamed up occasionally to wrestle in matches all across the NWA.

An observer at the time noted that "this is a team that has it all: power, skill, experience, and the will to win. Should they remain together for long, it's almost a certainty that they will acquire the NWA tag team championship belts."

Well, they didn't remain together. Superstar joined up with Super Destroyer, while Hansen and Ole Anderson wrestled together.

Of course, Hansen and Anderson are no longer together, but I wonder how Masked Superstar's new alliance with Stan Hansen will affect his relationship with Super Destroyer.

Could the beginning of Superstar's battle with Anderson and Sawyer be the end of his association with Super Destroyer?

The plot in Georgia grows thicker. □



Masked Superstar has stunned the wrestling world by renewing his alliance with Stan Hansen.

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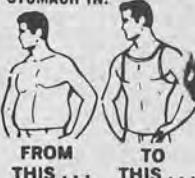
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I didn't have to ask him to elaborate; Adrian Adonis always elaborates.

"By the time Sweetan was ready to execute the piledriver," Adonis recalled, "I was in a very weakened condition. He grabbed me around the waist and maneuvered my head between his legs



A fan shouts at Adrian Adonis after a match, and the New Yorker couldn't be happier about it.

in one swift motion. As he lifted me upside down into the air, I felt the blood rush toward my head, only the strength of his legs would not allow the blood to flow all the way to my head. My legs began to twitch; it was a strange sensation.

"It seemed like he had me in the air for minutes. I kept waiting for him to drive my head to the mat. I was feeling rather helpless. I was so weak, I had resigned myself to the inevitable.

"Though my ears were covered my Sweetan's thighs, I began to hear the muffled sounds of the screaming fans. And that was what I needed. I felt like Popeye after eating a can of spinach. I felt the strength returning to every

muscle in my body. When Sweetan finally left his feet to execute the piledriver, I was ready to defend myself. Sweetan was so stunned by my brilliance that he couldn't do anything for the rest of the match."

Wrestling is a sport of the mind. The athletes are, for the most part, so evenly matched physically, the difference between winning and losing is most often determined by the wrestlers' mental ability. Some wrestlers use their minds to create moves and countermoves during the course of the match. Some use their minds to fool their bodies into believing the punishment they are absorbing does not actually hurt. Adrian Adonis has always been noted for having both mental abilities. Now he has a third.

"When I wrestled in the AWA and WWF," he said, "I had a totally different attitude. I used to let the fans get under my skin. They'd boo or yell things at me, and I'd really get angry. I would begin my match in the wrong state of mind. I'd forget my battle plan and charge my opponent like a crazyman.

"Several wrestlers pointed out to me what I already knew: The fans were destroying me. I tried to ignore the fans. But you can't ignore 10,000, 20,000 people. It got to the point where all I could think of before a match was the fans. But the more I tried to ignore them, the more I became aware of them, and the worse it affected me."

Adonis found the answer to his problem in a textbook on self-hypnosis. "Basically," he said, "I learned a process by which I could put my mind in such a state that I could convert the fans' negative energy into my own positive energy. And don't ask me to explain it. It's too complicated a

mental process for you or any of your readers to grasp."

It's not important to understand how Adonis uses the fans; it's just important to recognize that he does. The frightening aspect of all this is that Adonis might be in the process of revolutionizing how the fans react to those wrestlers they don't like. One of the joys of professional wrestling is going to an arena and booing the heck out of an Adrian Adonis. But does one boo an Adrian Adonis if he knows it is going to help him win the match?

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"I suppose you're right," II replied, "but sooner or later I'm going to have to stop. I don't know, Rich, maybe you just called me on an off-day, but retirement sure looks good to me now. It would be a nice change of pace to just sit back and relax."

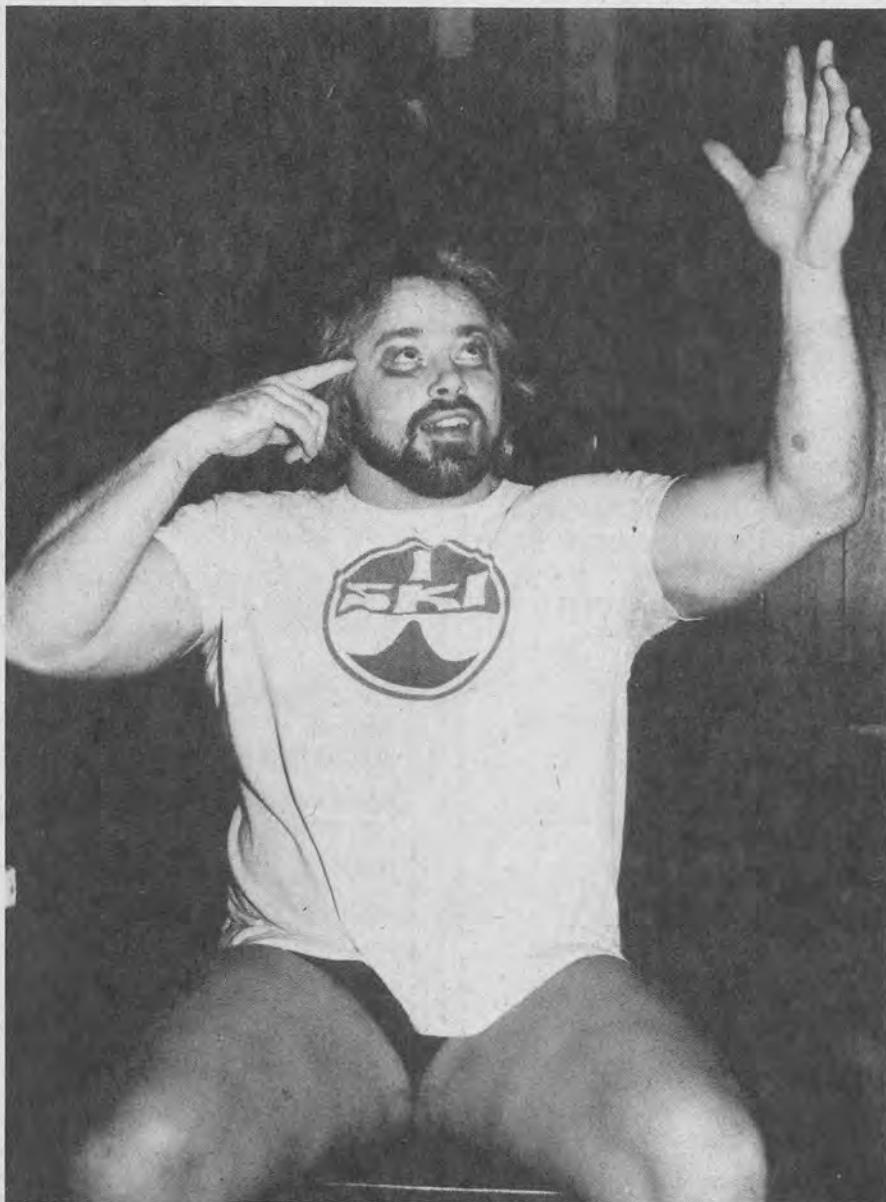
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## RUMOR VS. FACT

**RUMOR:** Kevin Sullivan was recently barred from wrestling on a card in Florida due to his satanist beliefs.

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Kevin Sullivan, an admitted follower of Satan, was not permitted to wrestle in a Catholic high school.

be allowed to wrestle there because of his avowed Satan worship.

**RUMOR:** Jimmy "Superfly" Snuka will soon be wrestling Bob Backlund once again for the WWF heavyweight title.

**FACT:** "I am negotiating for Jimmy to wrestle Bob Backlund again," manager Buddy Rogers told "The Insider," "but I have not been able to cement any deals yet. When I do, though, this magazine will be the first to know."

## INJURY REPORT

**BARRY WINDHAM** was hospitalized for several days as the result of an attack by **KING KONG MOSCA** on televised Florida wrestling. Mosca hit Windham in the head with a metal chair. Windham



Barry Windham sustained a concussion when he was hit on the head by a chair swung by King Kong Mosca.

underwent tests at the hospital and is expected to be out of action for at least three weeks.

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## BOB ORTON

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Despite taking a lot of punishment, Orton maintains a scientific style against Valentine. Bob left the Mid-Atlantic when he realized the fans were affecting his wrestling style.

reacted to what he did in the ring, and using every fiber of his being in his aim to cripple his opponent.

Cowboy Bob Orton smiled at the fans when he entered the ring. He set up his maneuvers to be more flamboyant than effective. In the words of Sir Oliver Humperdink, "Orton was obliterated."

Soon after that match, Orton announced he was leaving the Carolinas in favor of wrestling in St. Louis, Indianapolis, and Puerto Rico. His initial matches in those areas firmly reestablished him as one of the most hated wrestlers anywhere. His St. Louis match with Tommy Rich took that hatred one step farther.

Cowboy Bob Orton's career is now in a state of repair. I think that if he had stayed in the Carolinas, it would have ruined him. Reports from my own correspondents who saw his matches there say that it was not uncommon for Orton to take a great deal of punishment before rallying back.

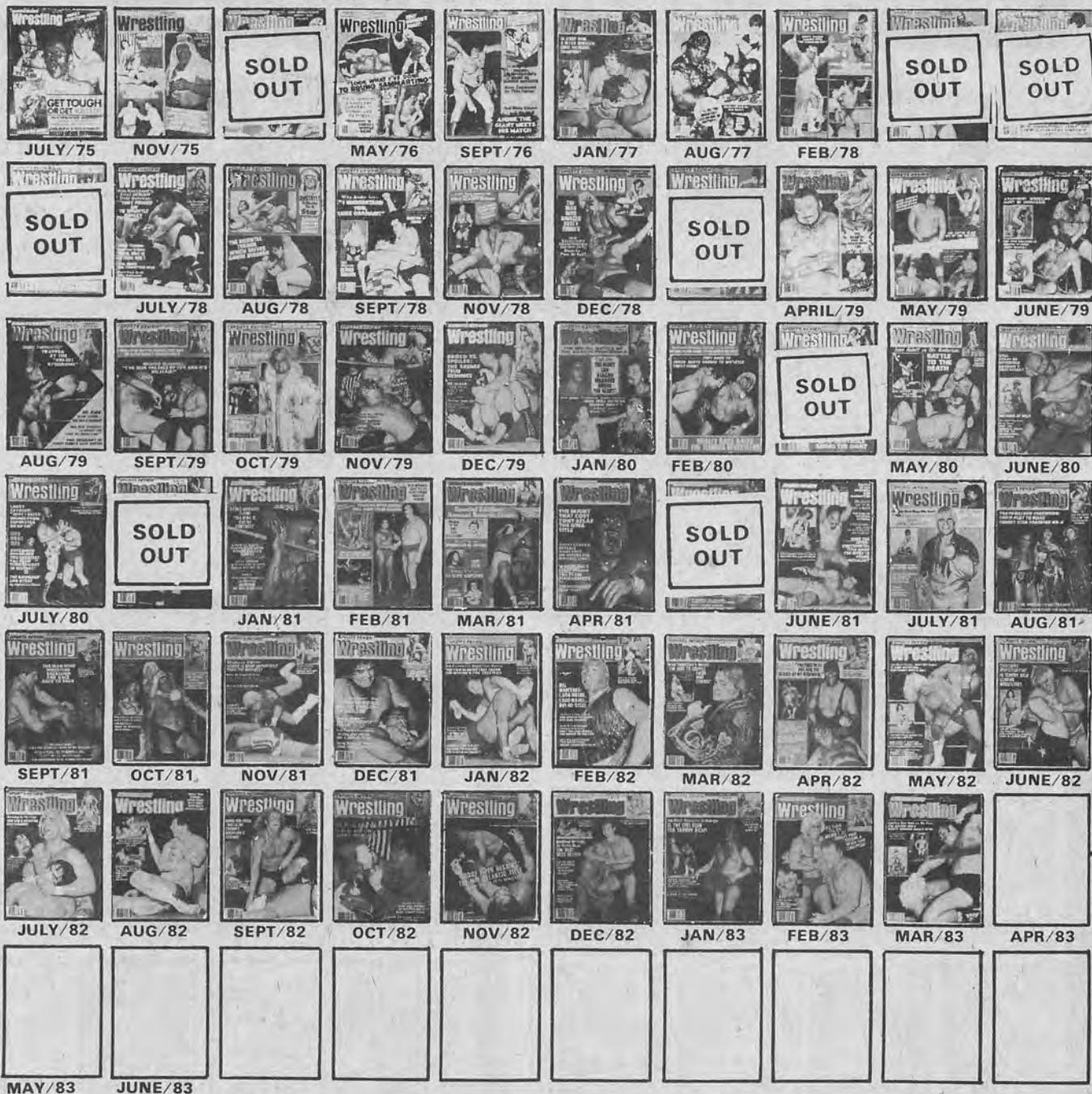
It's very strange how the cheers of fans can affect a man's wrestling style and, indeed, his entire career. It's also one of the most unpredictable and exciting aspects of the sport.

As far as Cowboy Bob Orton is concerned, however, I'm sure he is more than happy to continue his career without any cheers at all. □

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that Studd would be granted an immediate rematch.

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A contract lawyer didn't have to compare the documents for long before he discovered the one glaring deficiency in Studd's contract.

"The man who negotiated this contract was not aware of the same things as the men who negotiated these other two con-



Studd claims Backlund submitted to his backbreaker (above). Backlund managed to escape the hold by pushing off the cornerpost with his legs and, still in pain, scored a victory seconds later (below).



tracts," the lawyer noted. "In these two examples [Snuka and Graham], there is a proviso regarding return match rights. In this example [Studd], there is no such proviso.

"Quite frankly," the lawyer concluded, "the man who signed this contract probably didn't realize what he was signing. I would assume that return match provisos are common riders in contracts of this sort, particularly when the two adversaries are meeting each other for the first time."

Shocking but true: Fred Blassie's negotiations with Bob Backlund and Arnold Skoaland resulted in a contract that did not include any conditions for a rematch. When *Inside Wrestling* contacted John Studd for his reaction to this revelation, he was surprisingly unfazed.

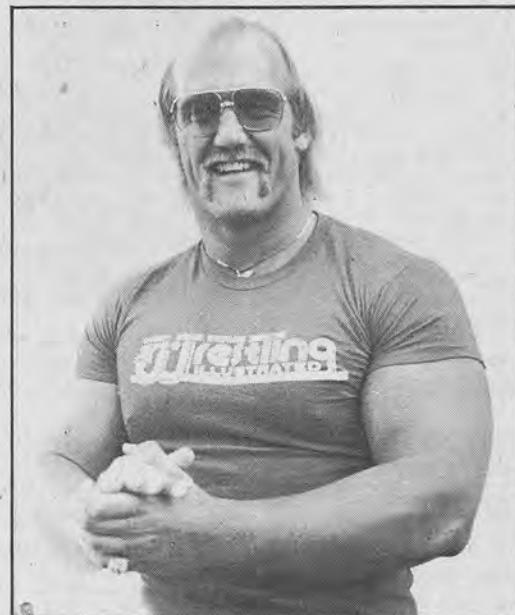
"I've known Fred Blassie for years," Studd explained, "and I'm absolutely confident about his negotiating skills. I haven't talked to Fred yet about this situation, but my guess is that the contract was that way because Backlund wanted it that way."

"You heard him in the television interviews," Studd continued, "you heard how he was afraid of me, afraid of the backbreaker, afraid of the challenge of Big John Studd. When was the last time you actually heard Backlund admit that he was afraid? Well, when it came to facing me, he admitted his fears. That's why he didn't want to have a rematch. He figured that even if he could sneak past me once—and I'm not entirely convinced he did even that—then he wouldn't be lucky enough to do so a second time. That's okay, though, because even if it's not an immediate rematch, I want another shot at Backlund's title, I will get another shot at Backlund's title."

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JERRY LAWLER

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Even after failing to finish Bockwinkel with the piledriver, Lawler did not lose faith in his ability to outwrestle the champion (above). Jimmy Hart is very proud of having helped Bockwinkel retain his title (opposite right).

Lawler wrestled like a man possessed, furiously rushing forward, his style bordering on recklessness.

An elbowsmash by Bockwinkel dropped Lawler to the canvas. Pressing his advantage, Bockwinkel stayed on top of his man. Lawler let out an adrenaline-fueled scream and hiprolled his opponent to the canvas. Bockwinkel hit the mat with a thundering slam.

The AWA champion was momentarily stunned. Lawler, a broad smile crossing his face, set Bockwinkel up for the piledriver. Thousands of fans screamed in horror as Lawler picked Bockwinkel up and sent his head crashing to the mat in a spine-jarring piledriver that seemed to stun the observers at ringside as much as it did Bockwinkel himself.

Lawler strutted about the ring, proud of his achievement. Bockwinkel took the precious few seconds to regain his breath and his energy. Apparently the piledriver

was not delivered with a maximum of force and pressure, for Bockwinkel was, seconds later, able to spring out at Lawler and ensnare him in an abdominal stretch.

Lawler's arms flayed about as Bockwinkel laughed and continued to apply pressure. The "King of Wrestling" would not submit, however. He managed to stretch his leg behind Bockwinkel's, tripping the AWA champion and breaking the hold.

As Bockwinkel fell to the mat, however, the abdominal stretch was still loosely applied and Lawler was dragged to the canvas along with the AWA champion. A spirited jockeying for advantage ensued, with both men scrambling around the ring in search of gaining some sort of opening to apply a hold.

Lawler came up strongly, grabbing Bockwinkel's arm and twisting it behind his back. The two wrestlers were near the ropes, however, which allowed Jimmy Hart to in-

terfere on the part of Bockwinkel. Smashing Lawler from behind, Hart broke Lawler's hold on the AWA champion and caused Bockwinkel to be disqualified.

Bockwinkel rolled out of the ring and began to stagger back to his dressing room accompanied by Hart. Lawler was furious.

"Hey Hart, I guess you learned that little trick from Heenan, didn't you?" Lawler screamed as Bockwinkel and Hart glared back toward the ring. "You know you



were defeated, Bockwinkel, you know it. So do you, Hart, otherwise you never would have interfered!"

Bockwinkel and Hart continued to make their way to their dressing room as Lawler continued to rant and rave.

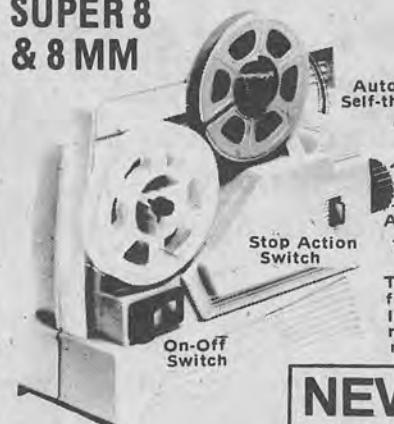
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